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# Israeli Court Rejects Plea To Call Off **Expulsions**

Army Says It Is Ready To Use Force to Prevent Palestinians' Return

> By Clyde Haberman New York Times Service

JERUSALEM — Israel's Supreme Court rejected appeals Tuesday that 415 banished Palbe brought back to Israeli territory because Lebanon refuses to receive them.

The reling came as the Lebanese Army re-

portedly blocked international relief workers from bringing supplies to the Palestinians, forcing them to begin raconing their food and water in their teni camp in southern Lebanon between Israeli and Lebanese checkpoints. The effect of all this was to raise the stakes in

a three-way battle of wills uoder way since Thursday, when Israel expelled the Palestinians as Islamic extremists intent on killing Israelis and the Middle East peace talks. Lebanon says it will not be Israel's dumping

ground and wants the Palestinians to turn back.
Israel, condemned around the world for the
deportations, says the exiles are now on Lebanese soil and therefore Lebanon's responsibility, a position accepted by the court Tuesday.

The Palestinians agree that Lebanon should keep them out, since that may increase international pressure on Israel to return them to the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, But they also must contend with the barsh realities of bitter cold, limited supplies and shelling from the Israeli side to keep them where they are. When the Palestinians, under orders from Lebanese troops, started marching oo Monday

toward the "security zone" that Israel declares for itself in a strip of southern Lebanon, Israel's client Lebanese militia fired mortars and machine-gan rounds to scare them away.

The tactic worked. However, oews agencies

in southern Lebenon reported Tuesday that five Palestinians were wounded to several shellings, including one who a spokesman for the group said was io serious coodition.

But Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin was quoted as telling an Israeli parliamentary com-mittee that he knew of no one who had been

hurt and that "everything was a show." None-theless, a senior official said that Israeli soldiers were being sent to the area to replace the Lebanese militiamen, who are considered likely to be quicker on the trigger.

Israeli commanders emphasized, however, that their troops, too, are prepared to use force to turn back the deported men. Mr. Rabin's point to the committee has been

a recurring Israeli theme: that Lebanoo's refusal to receive the Palestinians and its decision to block relief supplies are part of a cynical cam-paign to make Israel look bad and to draw attention away from its charges that the exiles

"What has happened in the last two days is a political and public relations game," Lieuten-ant General Ehud Barak, army chief of staff,

told the Supreme Court.

If so, other Israeli officials acknowledge, it is a game in which they are trailing because, even-See BANISH, Page 4

# Trans-Atlantic Air Deal Collapses

By Lawrence Malkin

NEW YORK — British Airways on Tuesday backed out of its plan for what would have amounted to a trans-Atlantic merger with USAir after Washington's terms to open London's Heathrow Airport to more flights by U.S. airlines proved too stiff.

The British decision followed a personal appeal last weekend by Prime Minister John Major in his farewell visit to President George.

Bush. The Bush administration's position, backed by major American carriers, was made politically easier by the firm opposition to the deal expressed during this year's election campaign by Bill Clinton.

Airline analysts said that in any case it would have challenged the

postwar market-sharing agreements that underpin international commercial aviation, which few governments are yet prepared to do.

USAir said it would continue to discuss some other kind of link with the British. British Airways in London pledged talks on "alternative

relationships" with its putative partner, which is the fourth largest airline in the United States but has been suffering heavy losses. Airline analysts said they would probably conclude a marketing agreement that would help direct trans-Atlantic passengers from one line to the other but would oot be able to feed them directly from

lozens of U.S. cities served by USAir but not by British Airways. And analysts in London noted that British Airways could now turn its attention to integrating with Australia's Qantas Airways, io which it purchased a 25 percent stake last week.

Transportation Secretary Andrew H. Card, obviously relieved to drop a case that he said had attracted more than 100,000 pieces of correspondence and taken more of his ome than any issue except Hurricane Andrew, announced that he no longer had any reason to rule on the deal, which he had previously promised to do before Christmas.

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John Major of Britain and Foreign Office Minister Douglas Hogg, right, during a Christmas visit Tuesday to British troops in Bosnia.

# Panic Opposes Intervention in Bosnia

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BELGRADE - Prime Minister Milan Panic reportedly asked the world on Tuesday to abandon the idea of further military intervention to stop the fighting in Bosnia and said such action would only spread the war to other parts of

"As prime minister of Yugoslavia, I resolutely oppose all pressures on my country, especially threats that force will be used." Mr. Panic said, according to the Tanjug news agency. "It

must have been clear to the world that it has made many mistakes in relation to Serbia and Yugoslavia, that the sanctions which were in-troduced have hit and are hitting only the

people, above all the poorest layers."

Prime Minister John Major of Britain, who paid a Christmas visit to British troops in Bosnia on Tuesday, predicted that a draft resolution to enforce an air exclusion zone would be put before the United Nations within days. But Germany, which is worried by a national

debate about military involvement abroad, asked the North Atlantic Treaty Organization oo Tuesday to delay sending to the United Nations the alliance's military plans for enforcing the exclusion zone over Bosnia.

Diplomats said Bonn had requested a delay until cooo on Wednesday to decide bow the plans might affect the debate in Germany. Germans are at odds over whether the constitu-

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# To Defense Post, and **Christopher to State** His Foreign Policy Team Includes

**Clinton Names Aspin** 

# Carter Officials and Arms Experts

By Paul F. Horvitz

WASHINGTON - President-elect Bill Clinton named a seasoned foreign policy team Tuesday that draws its experience from the cy of Jimmy Carter, from years of arms cootrol talks in Europe and from the debacle of

As expected, Mr. Clinton nominated a trusted friend, Warren M. Christopher, to be secretary of state, and Representative Les Aspin, chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, to be secretary of defense.

They will be joined by W. Anthooy Lake, a former foreign service officer and State Department police alcounts of the property as

ment policy planning chief, who will serve as national security adviser in the White House. As director of central intelligence, Mr. Clinton cominated a former undersecretary of the navy and U.S. arms negotiator, R. James Wool-

sey Jr.

Mr. Clinton said his cominees would carry

out a "foreign policy of engagement" in what he called a "very volatile world."

He has publicly praised the teamwork that characterized the foreign policy officials who worked under President George Bush, and in making these appointments he emphasized the need for strong coordination of U.S. foreign

The chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, General Colin L. Powell, is due to remain in his

job until his command ends in October.

In addition, Mr. Clinton will raise to cabinet rank the role of ambassador to the United Nations, and be cominated Madeleine K. Albright, a Russian-affairs expert, former Nation-

al Security Council staff member and longtime Democratic Party adviser, to take the job. The Clinton team is expected to bew closely to the pragmatic multilateralism Mr. Bush, but put more emphasis on human rights and de-

In a pre-election interview with The New York Times, Mr. Lake said; "American foreign policy oow has to be based on being prepared to meet the likely military threats of the '90s, not no fighting the wars of the 1970s; on promoting democracy in practical ways and on rebuilding our domestic economy to remain engaged abroad."

Mr. Clinton, speaking in Little Rock, Arkan-sas, also nominated as deputy secretary of state Clifton R. Wharton Jr., a prominent black educator and economist who has long experi-ence in Third World, development and agricul-

As Mr. Lake's deputy, Mr. Clinton named Samuel R. (Sandy) Berger, who is the head of

his oational security transition team.

Mr. Christopher, 67, is a tacitum lawyer and secretary of state. Perhaps his best known diplomatic effort was the loog and thorny at-tempt to free American diplomats held in Iran in 1980. Mr. Carter this mooth called Mr. Christopher the finest public servant he had

ever worked with. Mr. Clintoo called him "a

truly distinguished American, a man of unpar-alleled judgment."

After being named, Mr. Christopher called for bipartisan support in continuing the Middle East peace process and the humanitarian effort in Somalia. He also called for "bold new thinking" to deal with "a vastly more complicated

Mr. Christopher gained recent national prominence by beading a commissioo in Los Angeles to invesogate the city police force after the videotaped beating of a black motorist,

Rodney G. King. A logome supporter of Mr. Clinton, he also directed the search this year for the governor's vice presidential running mate and is director of the president-elect's transition team, which is

ng all cabinet nomine Born in North Dakota, Mr. Christophe graduated from the University of Southern California and earned a law degree at Stanford University, He is a U.S. Navy veteran and was a law clerk for Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas. He has interrupted his law practice in Los Angeles several times to enter government

He served oo a California state commission that investigated rioting in 1965 in the Watts

service, ootably as a deputy U.S. attorney general under Presideot Lyndoo B. Johnson and as deputy secretary of state under Mr. Carter.

anese executives warn Washington agains a tougher trade stance. Page 1L

Clinton chose his foreign-policy team in the most conventional of ways. Page 2.

section of Los Angeles. He has been a director of Lockheed Corp., a major defense contractor, and served as head of the Stanford board of trustees. He bas also served oo a variety of federal trade teams oegotiating textiles agree-

ments in Asia and Europe.

Mr. Aspin, 54, has served two decades in Congress, representing the Racine area of Wisconsin. He is widely acknowledged as an expert on the U.S. armed forces as chairman of the House Armed Services Committee and head of its subcommittee on Procurement and Military Nuclear Systems.

Mr. Aspin is viewed as a moderate oo military affairs and, despite seeking cuts in the Strategic Defense Initiative and other weapons systems, he has won the respect of many Re-publicans, including Defense Secretary Dick Chency. He is a caucious bawk oo U.S. military intervention abroad. He strongly supported the Gulf War effort against Iraq, arguing that eco-comic sanctions would oot move Saddam Hus-

Speaking to the press after his comination, Mr. Aspin said, "In this oew world, the definitioo of oational security has been changed and has been broadened. It oow includes oot only the threat from regional powers but it also includes the oew ouclear danger of proliferatioo and the possibility of the reversal of re-forms in the former Soviet Union with untold

Mr. Clintoo said he was counting on Mr. Aspin to help him keep the U.S. armed forces "the best in the world."

He also supported deployment of the MX missile that was opposed by many Democrats, and be backed building the B-2 Stealth bomber, then urged a halt in production at 15. According to the Almanac of American Politics, Mr.

Aspin has had to balance the House debate See CLINTON, Page 4

# U.S. Widens Seizure of Somali Weapons

New York Times Service

MOGADISHU, Somalia — Expanding a
campaign to rid Somalia of its heaviest weapons, U.S. forces will soon begin seizing armed vehicles driven by marauding gangs, an American commander said Tuesday.

The comments by Brigadier General Tony Zinni of the Marine Corps, the operations director for the American military command here, signal a more aggressive disarmament policy that approaches the vigorous strategy advocated by the United Nations secretary-general, Butros Butros Ghali.

Uotil now, U.S. forces had seized only weapons that were directed against them or menaced areas they controlled, like the pon and airfield here. Under U.S. pressure, the capital's two major militias began removing their armed vehicles to outside the city limits on Monday, ostensibly leaving only the armed vehicles that belong to gangs or smaller factions.

In a report to the Security Council on Mon-day, Mr. Butros Ghali criticized the Bush administration for being reluctant to disarm fully all the warring factions in Somalia. He also turned down a U.S. request to start planning a new UN peacekeeping force to take over the safeguarding of relief convoys as the U.S. troops withdraw.

[A U.S. military spokesman said Tuesday

#### **Bush New Year Visit**

WASHINGTON — President George Busb will spend the New Year's holiday visiting U.S. troops conducting humani-tarian relief operations in Somalia, the White House said Tuesday. It was not immediately clear whether Mr. Bush's visit would coincide with that

of the UN secretary-general, Butros Bu-tros Ghali, who plans to visit Somalia in

January.

The White House said Mr. Bush would arrive Dec. 31 for an overnight visit with U.S. servicemen and women who were ordered into Somalia earlier this month to stop the factional fighting disrupting the feeding of starving civilians. He is to leave Somalia on Jan. 1.

that the military had decided to reduce the number of troops it is sending to Somalia, Reuters reported from Mogadishu.

[Colonel Fred Peck of the Marines said that the U.S. commander, General Robert Johnston, had "turned the tap and closed off the flow of forces from the United States." He

could not say how many of the 28,000 U.S. troops originally expected would not be need-

With the U.S.-led relief operation nearing control over major distribution sites in eight humanitarian sectors in the Somali famine belt, General Zinni said troops will push out from those cities into the countryside to create secu-

rity zones for food deliveries.
[About 500 French and U.S. troops arrived in Baidoa, in the famine belt, in a push to deliver food to two important towns in the Somali interior, Agence France-Presse reported from

They are to head to Bardera, 200 kilometers to the south over a rutted, heavily mined road, and to Hoddur, 250 kilometers north of Mogadishu, by another mined road, which is located on the main route to the Ethiopian border. They are to arrive by Friday.]

"As we expand the humanitarian relief sectors, the tolerance level for those weapons that haven't been removed will be very low," Gener-al Zinni said in an interview with four reporters at his headquarters at the U.S. Embassy here. The more vigorous disarmament policy will take effect in the next few days, senior military officials said. The main target will be "technicals," souped-up jeeps bearing mounted ma-

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#### Rebels Leaving Angola Towns

LUANDA, Angola (AP) — UNITA rebel forces have begnn withdrawing from two strategic towns, oews reports said Tuesday. Diplomats con-sider the move to be a critical step in breaking the impasse between the rebels and the government of President José Eduardo dos Santos.

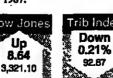
The Portuguese news agen-cy LUSA said rebel forces of Jonas Savimbi were leaving the towns of Uige and Negage, a pledge Mr. Savimbi made recently in a meeting with a high-ranking U.S. diplomat.

#### 'Tentative' Accord By NFL and Players

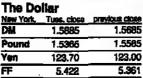
NEW YORK (AP) - The National Fontball League and its players reached a "tentative settlement agreement" oo Tuesday that could end a fiveyear-old labor dispute and bring a form of unrestricted free agency to the league.

After 12 hours of meetings

on Monday and Tuesday, the two sides announced that they had reached agreement in principal on a new contract, the first since a 24-day strike







**General News** Russian trade aide quits.

Germany outlaws neo-Nazi group. Page 4. Canada is tightening its rules on immigrants



FALSE STEP — Britain's Prince Charles checking his shoe after stepping into dog droppings during a walk in Prague's Old Town on Tuesday. He is in the city to promote his Prague Heritage Fund project.

futures contract.

**Business/Finance** Tax cuts in many Western countries were not all they seemed, and in some the tax burden has increased. Japan will overhaul its main stock-index

# Libyan Boeing Crashes, Killing

All 158 Aboard

TUNIS — A Libyan Boeing 727 crashed about 60 kilometers from the Libyan capital on Tuesday, killing all 158 people aboard. A Libyan Arab Airlines official said the authorities were investigating reports that the crash was the result of a midair collision.

The plane, on an internal flight to Tripoli from the eastern city of Benghazi, crashed near the town of Souk al Sabt, southeast of the capital, the official said.

Tripoli residents said the passenger plane apparently collided with a Libyan military plane. The crew of the warplane survived by parachuting to the ground, they said.
"This is still under investigation," the airline

official said. The official Libyan oews agency JANA said there were foreigners aboard the airliner but gave oo details.

The airline is preparing a list of the passengers and will release it later, the official said. There were oo people living in the area where the plane crashed, he added.

Libyan Arab Airlines has flown only domestie flights since April, when the United Nations imposed an air blockade as part of a package to punish Libya for refusing to hand over two men accused of blowing up a Pan Am plane.

The Pan Am plane, on Flight 103 from London to New York, blew up four years ago over the Scottish town of Lockerbie on Dec. 21, 1988, killing 270 people.

The sanctions include a ban of sales of aviatioo spare parts to Libya. Major Abdel Salam Jalloud, second to command to the Libyan leader, Moammar Gadhafi, said in November that this was putting the lives of passengers at

"Flights of Libyan Airlines are about to stop," Major Jalloud said last mooth. "Every day there are dozens of flights on which passengers are in danger because of the lack of spare parts and maintenance. This is mass murder.

# A Career Ends for a Taiwan Dissident

By Nicholas D. Kristof New York Times Service

TAIPEI — Sipping coffee io a dark corner of a small café, a bit furnively, as if the police might still be interested to him, Huang Hua spoke softly of a long and distinguished career in which be had lately worked himself out of a job.

Lean and rumpled, Mr. Huang is a professional political prisoner, a 53-year-old who has spent most of his adult life behind bars for speaking his mind. These days, in an increasingly democratic Taiwan, the prisons have fewer openings for dissidents, and he has little experience in doing much else but protesting.

After sacrificing his freedom in the fight for democracy, Mr. Huang

has won the struggle but is finding victory bittersweet. In part because of his efforts and those of other long-suffering dissidents, people on Taiwan now have meaningful votes. But they are casting them to keep people like Mr. Huang out of office. This is a peril of democracy campaigners everywhere, and Mr. Huang accepts it. Asked if he is angry at the public, he shakes his head

'lt's a problem of education, of the way we're portrayed in the news media here." he said. "Before, the people were taught to be afraid of us. They thought we were terribly fierce. Now they're gradually getting to

know us better, to understand what we're after. I can't complain." In South Korea, Kim Young Sam, once a dissident who spent years under house arrest, was elected president on Friday. But in Taiwan, the Kuomintang — the long-governing Chinese Nationalist Party — won 53 percent of the vote in legislative elections on Saturday, and few expect it to be ousted anytime in the 1990s.

Mr. Huang's history is the story of Taiwan's evolution, of its peculiar democratic revolution that in some ways has changed everything, in others nothing. The Kuomintang, organized early this century on authoritarian lines, has survived that revolution, emerging with more

The reason is straightforward and one of economics. The 20 million people of Taiwan were at roughly the same income level as those in India in the early 1950s; now they have per-capita incomes pushing toward \$10,000 a year. Prosperity has helped assuage memories of

Mr. Huang — bespectacled, soft-spoken and oczing sincerity — has spent a total of 23 years in prison in four stints. He was released most recently in May, and because Taiwan this year changed its laws so that seditious speech is no longer an offense, his career as a political

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By John F. Burns

New York Times Service BELGRADE - On the ruined walls of towns and villages across Bosnia-Herzegovina that have been devastated by "ethnic cleansing," one word, "Slobo," appears again and again, scrawled in spray paint hy the Serbian fighters who have swept through, terrorizing inhabitants and raz-

ing homes.

For those who have made his name a totem of their cause, it seems no matter that "Slobo" - Slobodan Milosevic, the president of Serbia - has never visited the battle zone, nor even their wounded fight-

As the political patron of Serbian na-tionalism, and as the head of the Serbian government that has given the arms and moncy Bosnia's Serbs have needed to carry out their killings, Mr. Milosevie is a hero above all others among the forces who have seized two-thirds of Bosnia as a Serbian domain.

During the recent election campaign, Mr. Milosevic vowed never to turn away from a policy of "great solidarity with the Serbian people outside Serbia.

This is a term he has used in the past to describe the use of military force in support of "ethnic cleansing" and other practices that have been condemned by the Western powers as atrocities.

Already, these policies have caused the deaths of at least 150,000 people in Bosnia and Croatia, and have driven at least 1.6 million people from their communities as refugees. But while Milan Panic, the Serbian-American millionaire who was his rival Sunday's election, described the conflict as "an intolerable tragedy" and vowed to end it. Mr. Milosevic, 51, appears to have been unmoved by the consequences of his

In part, this has been a matter of personality, since even his close associates describe the former Serbian Communist

By Thomas L. Friedman

manded "bold new thinking" in

foreign policy. But in choosing his

most conventional of approaches

— picking experienced, loyal and

generally like-minded friends and

advisers whom he can count on not

to get him in trouble abroad while

"As we enter the 21st century,

New York Times Service
WASHINGTON — Bill Clinton
said Tuesday that the times deserved together in the Carter ad-

national security team, he tnok the out publicly on the major new for-

he focuses on problems at home.

"The world is no longer a simple place with clear choices," Mr. Climbration said in introducing his team.

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American foreign policy will require steady hands, bold new striking cootrast with Mr. Clinton's

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ministration. As a result, many of

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eign policy issues confronting the United States since the end of the

Cold War - from the crisis in

Therefore, it is difficult to pre-

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clear idea of where he wants to go

. But what is unusual about this and chose a team of advisers, led by unfair to suggest he had picked "a experienced team of advisers is that Treasury Secretary-designate team of retreads."

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Bosnia to the future of Russia.

leader as dispassionate, cool and unrattled even amid the growing international condemnation of Serbia and its leaders.

On Wednesday, Secretary of State Lawrence S. Eagleburger named Mr. Milosevic among possible war criminals whom he said should face trial on charges relating to atrocities committed in the Balkan fight-

Mr. Milosevic answered in less than a day. Traveling first to Kosovo, the region of southern Serbia where a million ethnie Albanians are agitating for independence, then to Nis, a Serbian industrial city nearby, Mr. Milosevic offered what appeared be an oblique justification for dethnie cleansing" when he said that the Albanian majority in Kosovo had been its first practitioners, hy encouraging an exodus of

Serbs over the past decade. He went on to declare that, despite all threats, Serbia would not abandon what he called "our great solidarity with Serbian people outside Serbia."

This country has many times in its history endured the challenge of foreign threats," he said. "Now, we are called upon once again to decide whether we will stand up, or go down on our knees and become a new Baikan colony. So I tell you, we will never surrender Serbia."

He attended his closing election meetings to the accompaniment of rhythmie chants of "Slobo! Serbia!" and sat through lengthy speeches that ascribed to him almost mythic qualities.

For Mr. Milosevic, this was not new. In Belgrade, portraits have appeared depicting the stocky, almost cherubic-looking Serbian leader as a medieval knight like those who fought, and lost, Serbia's historic battle against the invading Turks in Kosovo in 1389.

The invaders went on to make Serbia and Bosnia an ontpost of the Ottoman Empire for nearly 500 years, fostering the embattled political psychology among Serbs, and in particular the fear of Mus-

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Clinton Banks on Old Friends for Foreign Policy

fectively implement his programs.

He also chose people from both the

liberal and conservative wings of

the Democratic economic estab-

In foreign policy, Mr. Clinton

seems to have had a very different

set of priorities. First and foremost,

as he himself said, he wanted a

team that could work together and

he as collegial as the Bush adminis-

tration's national security team,

even if that meant taking a lot of

people who had worked together in

the only Democratic administra-

tion we had in 25 years" and the

only place a Democrat could get hands-on experience, said Mr.

Clinton. But he added that it was

The Carter administration "was

the Carter administration.

lims that Mr. Milosevic has exploited in building his political career.

According to former associates, this represents a sharp break with his attitude during the years when he was working his way up through the Communist Party ap-paratus. Then he aligned himself with Titoist orthodoxy, which outlawed national-

Until three years ago, Mr. Milosevic, as Serbia's Communist Party chief, had little popular following. But after he traveled to Kosovo in 1989 and made a fiery speech about the rights of Serbs, he unleashed a wave of nationalist feeling.

Fear of this resurgent nationalism fueled independence movements in four of the other five Yugoslav republics, which had no desire to trade a Communist yoke for a Serbian one. In 1990, with Yugoslavia beginning to

break up, Mr. Milosevic rode the nationalist wave to victory in Serbia's first post-Communist election. From there, it was a short step to the policies that led to war in Croatia and Bosnia.

Perhaps the strongest signal to his character has been his attitude toward the war in Bosnia.

Contemptuously rejecting the U.S. war-crimes charges, Mr. Milosevic held to a posture he has adopted from the start of the Bosnian conflict, denying any respon-sibility for the Bosnian war despite the release of transcripts of telephone conver-sations between Mr. Milosevic and Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serbian leader, that implicate Mr. Milosevic. Western diplomats said their intelligence reports show similar involvement.

Mr. Milosevic's denials of what those around him know as fact is one facet of a complex personality.

Warren Zimmermann, the former U.S. ambassador to Yugoslavia, who was withdrawn in May as a gesture of protest against the Serbian offensives in Bosnia, told associates after a series of bitter encounters with the Serbian leader that his most prominent character trait was dishonesty.

"Warren used to say that he was astonished by the man's ability to lie with a look of total sincerity on his face," a West European diplomat said. Others describe this differently.

Many people who have dealt with him recently speak of him as disconnected from reality," said Ivan Jankovic, a Bel-grade patent lawyer who followed Mr. Milosevic through law school at the University of Belgrade in the 1960s.

Another man who worked with Mr. Milosevie for years said, "He decides first what is expedient for him to believe, then he believes it."

Those who look for explanations for Mr. Milosevic's behavior beyond the tangled world of Balkan politics often cite his childhood. He was the son of a Serbian Orthodox priest from Montenegro, a region known for engendering fierce nationalism among its Serbian inhabitants. Both his parents committed suicide while he

was still in his teens, as did an uncle. Growing up in Pozarevac, about 50 miles (80 kilometers) south of Belgrade, he was known as a disciplined, humorless loner. He married his childhood sweetheart, Mirjana Markovic, now a professor of Marxist-Leninist theory in Belgrade, who shared his Communist orthodoxy.

"He was incredibly disciplined, and took communism with deadly earnestness, even when everybody else thought it was a terrible bore," a former law classmate said. Another man who helped Mr. Milosevic s he ascended the Communist hierarchy said that he had never met a man who was more assiduous in developing contacts to promote his own career, and less loyal to

those who helped him. "He's a man who makes no friends," this former associate said. There is only one thing that matters to Slobo Milosevic. and that is Slobo Milosevic."

proven during the campaign that they worked well together and

would avoid the infighting that has

Mr. Clinton had said explicitly

that he wanted a team that was as

collegial as the Bush administra-

personal relationships between

some of his new advisers date back

decades. For example, Les Aspin,

the Defense Secretary-designate,

and W. Anthony Lake, the newly

chosen national security adviser,

have known each other for a long

Mr. Clinton also felt that his ad-

visers had designed for him during

the campaign a series of foreign

policy speeches and position pa-pers that enabled him to neutralize

George Bush's obvious advantage in that area and put the president

He concluded that this group proved its judgment and profes-

sionalism during the campaign and therefore he had little incentive to

Mr. Clinton, they add, knows that the low-key, pragmatic War-ren M. Christopher, his choice as secretary of state, is probably not

the sort of person likely to articu-

late a whole new vision for Ameri-

But Clinton aides say that the

president-elect believes he knows a lot more about foreign policy than he revealed during the campaign and that he intends to be as much

of an intellectual trend-setter, and

public voice, in that area as he will be in domestic policy. He will draw on his national security team to

help him conceptualize his views at the White House, and will lean on Mr. Christopher for his strengths as

an implementor, consensus builder, and seasoned negotiator. The foreign policy papers that Mr. Lake, his choice as national

security advisor, and Madeleine K. Albright, whom he named as UN ambassador, developed for Mr.

mission for Somalia, a tougher bargaining position in trade negotia-tions with Japan, and a more sym-pathetic posture toward Israel than

was being shown by the Bush ad-

But Clinton aides freely ac-

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knowledge that these poncy posi-tions were designed in large part in an effort to distinguish Mr. Clinton from Mr. Busb during the cam-paign, and no one really knows to what extent they will actually shape

the Clinton foreign policy when he

For instance, since the election Mr. Clinton has noticeably soft-

on the defensive.

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often plagued foreign affairs.

But while no one wanted to be most wanted advisers who had

quoted by name, there was much private grumbling within Demo-

cratie foreign policy circles over the fact that Mr. Clinton seems to have

turned to the liberal wing of the

Carter administration foreign poli-cy team for his own administration.

generation of neo-conservative advisers who also helped in his campaign — R. James Wonlsey Jr., the

arms-control specialist he named

This contrasted with Mr. Clin-

ton's economic team, which was

clearly designed to strike a balance

between new generation thinkers and veteran legislators, drawing

from both the liberal and conserva-

tive wings of the party.
In foreign policy, he often seems less sure of his plans, and his aides said that Mr. Clinton first and fore-

as director of central intelligence,

He included only one of the new

#### **EC Names** WORLD BRIEFS 17-Member Bomb Blast in London Underground LONDON (AP) - A North London Underground station was safely evacuated before an explosion during the Tnesday evening rush hour, the police said. The explosion on the platform followed a telephone warning Executive,

7 Are New

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ber executive panel Tuesday that reflects a wish at the EC headquar-

sire by Jacques Delors, the panel's French president, who has come

under strong criticism, for a steady

helm in times marked by trade fric-

tions with Washington and other capitals, and with a host of nations

wanting to join the EC. Mr. Delors

with Austria, Finland, Sweden,

Norway and, possibly, Switzerland.
He will share management of the
EC's external relations with two

commission veterans — Britain's

Sir Leon Brittan for Europe, Japan

and the United States and Spain's Manuel Marin for the developing

Mr. van den Broek will be re-

from February to admit Austria, Finland and Sweden into the EC, with Norway likely to join soon. Mr. Andriessen leaves the EC,

after 12 years, under something of a

cloud, along with Ireland's Ray McSharry, the agriculture commis-sioner since 1988. The two negoti-

ated a deal with the United States

last month under which the EC will

make deep cuts in farm subsidies.

France rejects the accord, designed to unblock stalled talks among 108

nations for a broad world trade

agreement through the General

Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

ority to concluding a GATT ac-cord. "It will require urgency and

effort, priority and determination

-and it is going to get all of that,"

nounced these appointments:
João de Deus Pinheiro, former Portoguese foreign minister, cultural affairs

relations with the European Parliamen and a new program to inject greater openness in EC affairs.

Henning Christophersen, Denmark, communic and financial affairs commis-

Christiane Scrivener, France, tax poli-

Bruce Millan, Britain, regional affairs.

Martin Bangemann, Germany, indus-

ansportation.

Manuel Marin, Spain, relations with atin America and Mediterranean coun-

Karel van Miert, Belgium, EC compe-

stice matters. Antonio Ruberti, Italy, research. Raniero Vanni d'Archirafi, Italy, in-

trial affairs.
Abel Matutes, Spain, energy and

Sir Leon said he would give pri-

foreign ministers.

from the Irish Republican Army.

The police described the blast, at Hampstead station on the Northern Line, as small. There were no casualties, a spokesman said. This month, the IRA has set off explosions in a London department store and outside another Underground station, as well as two bombs in Manchester that injured 64 people. The Underground said service to nine stations on the Northern Line had been suspended. BRUSSELS - The European Community named a new 17-mem-

U.S. Steps Up START-2 Negotiations

ters to get a firmer grip on a rapidly changing outside world. WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration, hoping to seal a missile-reduction deal with Russia, has sent nuclear weapons experts to Geneva to discuss a handful of stuhborn issues with Russian specialists.

The idea is to conclude the START-2 treaty before President George The new EC Commission - 16 men and one women — takes office Bush leaves office on Jan. 211. But officials said that at least three tough for two years Jan. 6. Seven memproblems remained despite negotiations and two telephone sessions between Mr. Bush and President Boris N. Yeltsin of Russia, on Sunday bers are new, including two former The job assignments show a de-

and Monday. "We're working on it," was all that one official would say. The officials, who asked not to be identified, said the U.S. delegation left for Geneva on Monday. Mr. Bush would like to leave a second treaty resulting from the Strategic Arms Reduction Talks as a major accomplishment of his

Chinese Deny Mao's Body Is Rotting

remains commission president, a job he has held since 1985. BELIING (Reuters) - Chinese officials are denying rumors that the BELLING (Reuters) — Chinese officials are denying rumors that the embalmed body of Mao Zedong, the founder of the Communist state is routing or shrinking in its glass casket, an official newspaper said.

Xu Jing, director of the Mao mausoleum in Beijing, said newspaper reports on the declining state of Mao's corpse were "sheer rumor." The body of Mao, who died in 1976 at the age of 82, was put on display in a place coffic in 1977. Mr. Delors has split the commis-sion's foreign relations job, now held by Frans Andriessen of the Hans van den Broek, the outgo-

"With current scientific methods, preserving the body for another 200 years would be no problem," Miss Xu was quoted as saying by the newspaper China Youth News on Tuesday. She also said rumors that Mao's body had shrunk since 1984 were untrue, adding that "regular.

NATO Approves Paris-Bonn Forces

BRUSSELS (AP)—The NATO allies approved guidelines on Tuesday for use of the new French-German corps in a crisis. The decision by the ambassadors of the 16-nation North Atlantic Treaty Organization put to sponsible in principle for overse-ing the creation of the common foreign policy mapped out in the Treaty on European Union. He will also be in charge of negotiations

NATO command in an emergency. In a statement, NATO said the allies endorsed an accord drawn up by General John M. Shalikashvili Jr., the American commander of the alliance's European forces, and France and

of building up Western Europe's own defense role and reducing the part played by the United States. France is a member of NATO, but does not belong to its joint military command.

**Judge Sets New Date for Collor Trial** 

BRASILIA (AFP) --- Chief Justice Sydney Sánchez appointed a lawyer on Tuesday to defend Fernando Collor de Mello and set Dec. 29 for the

Mr. Collor, 43, was suspended from power for 180 days on Oct. 2

Vietnam and South Korea re-established diplomatic ties on Tuesday after a 17-year break. (Reuters) A law that would let Russian citizens go abroad without special permission starting Jan. I was upheld Tuesday by the Russian legislature. (AP)

Air France said Tuesday that all its flights were expected to run on schedule on Wednesday despite a call by ground crews for a three-hour, 40-minnte strike. The strike is the latest in a series of work stoppages at

Foreigners in Uzbekistan who break laws on registration, movement and residency could face a sentence of three years in prison under the country's new penal code, the Interfax news agency reported.

The British tour operator Novotour Ltd., which specializes in package

Aeroflot, Russia's state-owned airline, has begun a campaign to im-

ing Dutch foreign minister, will be EC commissioner for "external po-litical relations," including EC membership talks, starting in 1993, glass coffin in 1977.

precise checks of the length and weight" of the corpse were made.

an end fears that the proposed European army would harm the military Under the agreement, the French-German corps would come under

France and Germany last year called for a 35,000-strong corps as a way

start of the suspended president's impeachment trial.

Justice Sánchez acted following Mr. Collor's surprise dismissal of his

defense team on Monday night, just as the Senate was getting ready to try him on corruption charges. The trial was originally set for Tuesday. It was thought that Mr. Collor's move was intended to gain him more time by pushing the trial back to next month, at the earliest.

following his impeachment by the Chamber of Depoties. Congressional investigators concluded that he took \$6.5 million from a slush fund set up by his former campaign treasurer. Mr. Collor, elected in 1989 on a pledge to stamp out corruption, insists on his innocence.

Among the newcomers is René Steichen as EC agriculture commissioner replacing Mr. MacSharry.

Mr. Steichen is now Luxembourg's The EC head office also an-

TRAVEL UPDATE

Air France this month, staged to protest a restructuring plan that would eliminate 5,000 jobs by 1993.

(AFP)

vacations and international flights, ceased operations late Monday, the British Civil Aviation Anthority said. The aviation agency said that travelers currently abroad on Novotour trips would be able to fly home as planned and that the agency would fully refund about 9,500 customers who had advance bookings.

(AFP)

prove its image, stepping up the quality of its food and improving service in the air and on the ground. Officials said Tuesday that Aeroflot also planned new staff training programs and improvements at its airport facilities throughout the country.

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ened his rhetoric about using trade sanctions against China, and his first statement about the Arab-Israel conflict - in response to the Israeli expulsion of some 415 Palestinians - was as even-handed as anything ever uttered by the Bush administration. While Mr. Clinton said during the campaign that he

takes office.

supported the use of force against Iraq in the Gulf War, both Mr. Lake and Mrs. Albright favored using sanctions before they joined the campaign.

Greek Deputies Protected

ATHENS - All 300 members of the Greek Parliament will be protected by police escorts following an attack on a conservative deputy who was shot in the legs by gummen of the extreme leftist November 17 group, the government announced Tuesday.

#### Wind Shear Clinton during the campaign called for a much more aggressive stand in support of Bosnia against Serbia, more aid for President Boris N. Suspected Yeltsin of Russia than the Bush administration was willing to give, the use of trade sanctions to force China to moderate its human rights abuses, a United Nations rescue mission for Somalic actions for Somalic

AMSTERDAM -- A downward blast of wind known as a microburst may have caused the Dutch plane crash in Portugal that killed 54 Christmas vacationers, aviation

experts said Thesday.
Such a blast would have been powerful enough to rob the pilot, H.W. van Staveren, of control over his chartered Martinair DC-10 as he tried to land at Faro, in southern Portugal, on Monday, they said.
"If I had to choose between several possible causes I would certainly look at that one first," said Benno Baksteen, chairman of the

Dutch pilots association. "It was certainly bad weather that brought this airplane down," said David Learmount, safety expert at the London-based magazine

Flight International.
The jet, carrying 327 passengers, mainly Dutch nationals, and 13 crew members, crashed in flames as it landed during heavy showers. Survivors — 79 are hospitalized, some with severe burns - reported turbulence during the final descent. Portuguese officials, who have set up a commission of inquiry, and Martinair have declined to comment on the cause.

Mr. Learmount said the commission would know about the variations of wind speed and where the wind was blowing and the kind of going to be many doubts about what happened," he added.

Mr. Baksteen said the Faro disaster was similar to accidents in



A survivor and her child, waiting return to the Netherlands.

the United States in which jets had seemed to be the most likely cause crashed during landing for no apparent reason and which were later blamed on microbursts.

turbulence from the flight recorder.

Timen de Boer, a meteorologist

Then I don't think there are at Amsterdam's Schiphol airport, said microbursts were a severe

speed or direction. A microburst

The phenomenon is often associated with storms or showers, such as those in Faro at the time of the crash, he added. A microburst occurs when a down draft suddenly form of wind shear - a term that bursts out of a tall cumulonimbus denotes a sudden change in wind storm cloud, moving out in all di-

# TRANSITION / SAXOPHONE PINS AND COOKBOOKS

#### \* POLITICAL NOTES\*

Clinton Checks Who's Been Naughty or Nice

WASHINGTON - Clinton transition aides are putting out the word that they want a list of which Immigration and Naturalization Service officials have been particularly naughty or nice in the last 12

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A memo prepared by Robert E. Rubin, a Clinton adviser who as an immigration lawyer has litigated frequently against the immigraoon service, minces no words, lest anyone be confused.

"We are interested in hearing about local INS officials whose decision-making has been consistently beyond the bounds of the exercise of reasonable discretion," Mr. Rubin said in the memo, written Dec. 8 on transition team letterbead.

It was addressed to "All Interested Parties" in the voluntary agency and legal communities, but copies soon circulated within the immigration service, where one official called it "an invitation to rat

Mr. Rubin is helping another transition official, Linda Yanez, who heads Harvard Law School's immigration clinic. He said he was "compiling information and conducting research for her transition

"I would appreciate if you would provide me with any information regarding particular INS personnel, including district directors and district counsel, whose conduct should be brought to the attention of a new INS commissioner," he wrote, adding that "the source of any information would be kept confidential."

Transition officials said this was not the first time that a new president's team had wanted to know who the rotten apples were in the outgoing administration, although they conceded that past teams were not known to advertise so boldly. One source said about 60 names had been received, including both those who were praised and those criticized.

#### Yale Grads Make the Most of Old School Ties

WASHINGTON - Add Yale Law School to the list of specialinterest groups vying for special treatment when its alumnus, Bill Clinton, is sworn in as president oext month.

This is a unique opportunity to reaffirm your friendship with two special Yalies," said a letter to law school graduates, referring to Mr. Clinton and his wife, Hillary. The letter invited them to the inaugural festivities, including a private reception and the presidential dinner.

Not to mention the chance to get a resume in the right hands.

The letter said that a system had been set up under which job inquiries from Yale graduates would be "distributed for appropriate No favoritism here, insisted Boh Raymar, a Clinton classmate and supporter who has forwarded about 75 resumes to the transition

"I sent them down in a group rather than have them go in pieces,

#### he said. "I'm sure they don't get special treatment."

inquiry of Rostenkowski Funds is Sought WASHINGTON — The public interest group Common Cause has asked the House ethics committee to investigate whether Representative Dan Rostenkowski, an Illinois Democrat who is chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, had improperly converted campaign funds to his personal use.

The group also urged the committee to retain an outside counsel to conduct the review.

The use of an outside counsel in matters such as this is well recognized as a critical factor in obtaining a publicly credible result," the president of Common Cause. Fred Wertheimer, said in a letter sent Monday to Representative Louis Stokes, the Ohio Democrat who is chairman of the ethics panel.

Mr. Wertheimer recently asked the Senate ethics committee to appoint an independent counsel to investigate allegations that Sena-tor Bob Packwood, Republican of Oregon, made unwanted sexual advances toward former aides and a lobbyist.

The Chicago Sun-Times reported Dec. 13 that Mr. Rostenkow-ski's campaign committee had paid the congressman and his sisters more than \$73,000 in rent for a campaign office since 1986. According to the report, Mr. Rostenkowski's campaign pays \$1,250 a month for office space in a building he partly owns adjacent to his Chicago home.

#### Quote-Unquote:

Bill Clinton, naming Richard W. Riley, secretary of education: "I want to remind all of you again that presidents don't educate children, principals and teachers do."



Mr. Clinton chatting with Mrs. O'Leary, his choice for the energy post, and Richard W. Riley, the education nominee.

# A Challenge for Energy Choice: Weapons

Hazel Rollins O'Leary to be the first woman to run the Energy De- customers. partment, Bill Clinton chose n widely admired lawyer who is fa-miliar with the department, the is-ton representative of Southern Calsues and almost every aspect of the

Bot there is one yawning gap in her resume: She has no experience with the politically volatile and ex-tremely expensive nuclear weapons factories, which consume most of the Energy Department's budget and have consistently enmeshed it in criticism from environmental groups and members of Congress.

Mrs. O'Leary was a senior Energy Department regulator in the Democratic administration of President Jimmy Carter and an official in the Republican adminis-tration of President Gerald R. Ford, With her late husband, John F. O'Leary - who was undersecretary in the Carter administration and later ran the Pennsylvania utility that owns the Three Mile Island plant - she was an independent energy consultant, based in Wash-

Most recently, she has been exec-otive vice president for corporate affairs, or chief lobbyist, for Northern States Power Co., a huge Min-neapolis-based utility that operates three nuclear plants and has had highly poblicized disputes with state regulators over disposition of its nuclear waste.

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ifornia Edison Co. "Clinton is going to be proud of her." "She'll be great for the country,"

said Jim Merna, who was her press officer when she was head of the Energy Regulatory Administra-tion. "This is the best appointment Clinton could have made. She's dy-

impact is likely to be strongly nega-tive: the need to spend tens of billions of dollars to clean up radioactive and toxic wastes and restore on the weapons factories, bomb-

ing, renovating and cleaning up af-ter the troubled 12-state weapons complex, which has been paralyzed by safety and environmental prob-lems throughout the Bush adminis-

By Thomas W. Lippman

Earlier this month, she was energy secretary to be part of his named president of NSP Gas Co., a administration's economic team, the private contractors who operate department's inspector general.

> Because she has oo track record Of the department's \$19 billion budget for fiscal 1992, nearly \$12 billion was earmarked for operating, renovating and cleaning. plant contractors and the bomb designers in Energy Department lab-

# Souvenirs Galore Of Clinton-Gore, And Nothing More

Washington Past Service

WASHINGTON — The selling of the president-elect has entered a new era with the opening of a Washington boutique that carries nothing but Clinton-Gore memorabilia.

Named simply Inaugural Commemoratives, the shop, at 1744 L St. NW ocar Connecticut Avenue — one of the city's toniest shopping districts - stocks everything from \$2 temporary Clinton tattoos to a cherrywood box of innugural medallions that sells for \$925. All of the items are U.S. made, and most are union-made.

Mr. Clinton's transition chairman, Vernon E. Jordan Jr., was the first customer Monday after a noon ribbon-cutting ceremony. He left the store after about 20 minutes with a stack of sweat shirts

for his children, a pair of inaugural culf links, and an apron for his housekeeper that was emblazoned with an official inaugural seal. The opening is the first time an inaugural committee has estab-

lished its own store to sell commemorative items.

In past years they were sold by sidewalk vendors during inaugural week or through mail-order catalogues.

Mr. Clinton's inaugural planners also are using a catalogue and a toll-free number to market 1993 inaugural items.

More than 17,000 calls have been logged at the inaugural telemar-

keting center in New York, according to the inaugural marketing director, Ernest Johnston. But Mr. Johnston said planners decided to increase sales by taking the merchandise directly to the public.

A line 20 persons deep had formed at the cash register less than

two hours after the store opened, Bernice Howard was one of the shoppers trying to elbow her way through the T-shirts and sunglasses to snare one of the most sought-after items: red, white and hlue 1993 Presidencial Inaugural license

Mrs. Howard planned to have her \$50 personalized license plate printed with the message "RENEWL," in accordance with the official theme of Mr. Clinton's inaugural, "An American Reunion — New Beginnings, Renewed Hope."

Customers also queued to pay \$7.95 to have their pictures taken and superimposed onto a snapshot of Mr. Clinton, Al Gore and/or

Other brisk sellers were gold saxophone pins and the "Delicious' Heritage" cookbook by Nippy Carville, n collection of Cajun recipes compiled by the mother of Mr. Clinton's political strategist, James

Revenue from the store and other commemorative sales will help cover the cost of inaugural activities from Jan. 17 to 21 - more than

If this store is an early success, organizers said, they plan to open inaugural boutiques in as many as five other locations in the next three weeks.

# Uninsured: Even Middle Class **Growing Number of Americans Lack Health Coverage**

By Dana Priest and Amy Goldstein Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON — The oumber of solidly middle-class Americans without health insurance grew by 1 million last year, while in the District of Columbia one in four residents was without public or private coverage, according to oewly analyzed Census Bureau data.

The same study found that spending for Medicaid — the state-federal program for low-income persons -- doubled nationally over the past five years.

Although state and federal governments are spending increasing sums, the number of uninsured Americans continues to grow. People with the lowest paying and least secure jobs are most likely to be without coverage. But the oew study findings suggest that lack of health insurance afflicted the middle class at a record pace last year.

"Things are getting worse, and if you are one of the people who is now uninsured, it is a disaster for

you and your family," said Sidney Wolfe of Public Citizen's Health

Research Group. The data were taken from the Census Bureau's Current Population Survey and were collected and analyzed by Public Citizen and Physicians for a National Health Program. Both are ndvoency groups that support a Canadian-style, government-financed health

The findings indicate that 35.4 million people, or about 14 percent of the U.S. population, were without health insurance at some time

In 1991, the number of Ameri-eans with family incomes of \$25,000 to \$50,000 who lost their insurance rose by 1.07 million compared to about 500,000 in that income bracket who lost their coverage during 1990.

In all, about 8.3 million people in that income group were without health insurance at some time in

The study also found that a disproportionate percentage of black and Hispanic citizens continue to be uninsured. Whereas roughly 11 ercent of whites were uninsured in 1991, 32 percent of Hispanics and 21 percent of blacks were without coverage, research shows

The study found that 2.6 million people who gained insurance last year were those whose incomes dropped so sharply they qualified for Medicaid; in addition, 261,000 upper-middle income Americans were able to obtain private insur-

Nearly 90 percent of the newly uninsured live in five states: Texas, Indiana, Florida, North Carolina and Massachusetts.

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**Away From Politics** 

• A Mexican businessman was found guilty of conspiring to kidnap and marder a U.S. drug agent in 1985. Ruben Zuno Arce, the brother-in-law of n former Mexican president, Luis Echeverria, closed his eyes and shook his head slowly as the jury's verdiets were read. "Big injustice," he said in Spanish as he was led from the courtroom by U.S. marshals.

 Président George Bush declared New York a major disaster zone as a result of a coastal storm and flooding two weeks ago, making it eligible for U.S. assistance. The president's action made federal funding available to individuals and local governments in New York City, Nassau and Suffolk counties.

• In an attempt to stem the slaughter of sharks, which scientists fear will striously disrupt marine ecosystems, the U.S. government is moving to impose controls on shark fishing within 200 miles (320 kilometers) of the Atlantic and Gulf coasts. An Oregon tribe's application to build a casino was rejected by the

Interior Department. It said it was powerless to approve such texts over the objections of Governor Barbara Roberts. She has the plans hy Siletz American Indians to operate a casino in Selem, Oregon, for fear it would harm the surrounding community. \*Affacensed rapist is entitled to the victim's DNA test results to try to prove his innocence, an appeals court ruled. The Pennsylvania Separior Court overturned Dale Brison's 1990 conviction in the kidaspping, rape and stabiling of a 37-year-old woman because he was denied her DNA test results. Mr. Brison had been sentenced to

18 to 42 years. The acting boss of the Colombo organized-crime family, Victor (Little Vic) Orena, was found guilty of murder and racketeering. Mr. Orena was convicted of all nine counts of a federal racketeering indictment accusing him of murder, murder conspiracies, loansharking and weapons possession.

The Food and Drug Administration has approved a sleeping pill that the manufacturer said helped people fall asleep quickly and did not disturb deep sleep. The drug, zolpidem tarrate, targets a particular receptor in the brain believed to promote sleep, according to G.D. Searle & Co.

 Major U.S. research universities must begin shrinking or eliminating scientific departments that do not rank at the top of their fields because of the steadily dwindling levels of federal aid, a presidential wivesory panel said in a long-awhited report.

 Two men arrested in the killing of a school principal, Patrick Daly, who was caught in a cross fire in a Brooklyn housing project, were already facing drug and assault charges in earlier cases. The suspects, Jermaine Russell and Khary Bekka, both 18, were arrested on charges of second-degree murder and criminal possession of a deadly weapon in the Daly slaying.

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# Germany **Outlaws** Group

4th Neo-Nazi Ban Over Last Month

The Associated Press

BONN — Germany on Tuesday outlawed the National Offensive, the fourth neo-Nazi organization to be banned this month, asserting that its members had attacked for-

eigners.
The federal interior minister. Rudolf Seiters, said police raided apartments Tuesday in seven of Germany's 16 states in search of evidence to be used against the

He said explosives and other weapons had already been found in raids on Dec. 11 of apartments where members of the oeo-Nazi group live.

Mr. Seiters said authorities were

carrying out especially thorough investigations of group leaders in North Rhine-Westphalia, the state in which Bonn is situated, amid suspicions that they have been carrying out attacks against foreign-

Rightist radicals have carried out more than 2,100 acts of violence this year, most of them against foreigners, leaving 17 people dead and bundreds injured.

Mr. Seiters also alleged that the National Offensive, which is be-lieved to have about 140 members, has been involved in distributing anti-Semitic propaganda.

Other neo-Nazi groups outlawed this month are the Nationalistic Offensive, the German Alternative, and the Alliance of German Com-

#### CLINTON: Christopher to State, Aspin to Defense

torate in 1974.

fense-related spending projects.

Mr. Aspin is a graduate of Yale,
has a master's degree in English
from Oxford and a doctorate io

lives oo a nearby farm.

In a 1935 article written with Mr.
Berger, he called on the Reagan
administration to take a tougher economics from the Massachusetts line against the South African gov-Institute of Technology. A former erament in an effort to free Nelson army captain, he served hriefly on Mandela from prison and begin the staff of Defense Secretary Rob- serious power-sharing talks with ert S. McNamara in the late 1960s. the hlack majority.

Mr. Aspin served on the staff of Senator William Proximire of Wis- vard, Cambridge University and consin and as staff assistant to Princeton, where he received a doc-Walter Heller when he was chairman of President John Kennedy's Mr. Woolsey, 51, is a Washing-Council of Economie Advisers. He ton lawyer and former under secrewas first elected to Congress in tary of the navy in the Carter ad-1970. He took an

Mr. Lake, 53, whom Mr. Clinton educational path that mirror's Mr. praised as a "creative thinker," is a Clinton's but has a closer associasoft-spoken and self-effecing for-mer State Department director of Mr. Clinton and Mr. Wonlsey were mer State Department director of policy planning who was a key for-Rhodes Scholars at Oxford and eign policy adviser to Mr. Clinton both attended Yale Law School, during the campaign and had a although Mr. Woolsey attended major hand in crafting the gover- four years ahead of Mr. Clinton. or's foreign policy speeches.

Speaking to reporters after the strength of the Cunton.

Like Mr. Christopher, Mr. Woolsey attended Stanford University, and nor's foreign policy speeches.

announcement of his nomination, Mr. Lake said that "not since 1968 board of trustees during the 1970s. has an administration faced such Mr. Woolsey was in the army for

difficult foreign policy problems."

A former foreign service officer
in Victoam, be joined the National in Vietoam, be joined the National service as a program analyst in the Security Council staff in 1969 as a special assistant to Henry A. Kispecial assistant t singer but resigned after the inva-sion of Cambodia in 1970. He later directed an international volunteer agency and beaded the State De-Armed Services Committee, Under partment transition team for Presi-Mr. Bush, he served as the U.S. partment transition team for President-elect Carter.

In a recent interview in Time magazine, Mr. Lake described himself as "a true believer" in the antiCommunist struggle that was fense contractor, and he has writwaged early in the Vietnam era but became disillusioned by the facebecame disillusioned by the line saving approach of the Nixon administration that led to thousands who specializes in the Soviet Union She currently

fairs and written books in the past teaches at the foreign service school among hawks and doves and occa-sionally "greases the wheels with pork," the sought-after local de-Hadley, Massachusetts, where he ing in the Clinton transition on ing in the Clinton transition on foreign policy matters. In a 1985 article written with Mr. Berger, he called on the Resgan

She has worked as a foreign policy adviser in the Democratic presideotial campaigns mounted by Walter F. Mondale in 1984 and Michael S. Dukakis in 1988.

Mrs. Albright, who holds a doctor's degree and speaks Russian, was educated at Wellesley College Mr. Lake was educated at Harand Columbia University. She was legislative assistant to Senator Edmund Muskie of Maine in the 1970s and served on the staif of the National Security Council during the Carter years.

Mr. Berger, 47, a Washington lawyer who has worked oo internanooal trade regulations, was Mr. Lake's deputy at the State Department's policy planning office dur-ing the Carter years and is respon-sible for bringing Mr. Lake into the Clinton campaign.

Mr. Berger's firm, Hogan & Hartson, has been aggressive in opening branch offices in Europe. with lawyers now working in Lon-don, Brussels and Warsaw. Among the firm's clients has been the Polish government of Lech Walesa. He is the author of a 1984 manual on foreign investment in the United

Mr. Berger was educated at Cornell and Harvard Law School, He has wide political experience, hav-ing worked as an aide to Mayor John V. Lindsay of New York and to then-Senator Harold Hughes of Iowa. He has advised and helped write speeches for a number of Democratic presidential, vice presidential and congressional candi-

Mr. Wharton, 66, is chairman and chief executive officer of a New York insurance association that handles a \$60 billion retirement fund for college professors.

An economist, he is the former president of Michigan State University and former chancellor of SUNY, the New York state univer-

Mr. Wharton has some expertise in Asian and Third World issues. He taught in Singapore at the University of Malaya in the early 1960s, helped the White House assess farm practices in Vietnam during the Johnson administration, and advised the State Department on food and hunger issues in a variety of capacities during the Carter and Reagan administra-

Mr. Wharton was educated at Harvard, Johns Hopkins and the University of Chicago, where he received his doctorate in economics. According to The Associated Press, he was the first black to attend the School of Advanced International Studies at Johns Hopkins



A Somali dockworker standing Tuesday on bags of American rice in the port of Mogadishu.

#### **DISARM:** A Wider Mission

(Continued from page 1)

chine guns, anti-aircraft guns or

As American forces have established control in such cities as Mogadishu and Baidoa, relief workers have complained that the gange have fled into the countryside, terrorizing small villages. "There won't be room for us and them to operate in the same area," said General Zinni.

"Any technical on the street will be seen as threatening." he said The new policy seems to have already started in Baidoa. Working on a up from townspeople angry with a local gang, the military seized six technicals and a huge cache of smaller arms, and detained 45 Somalis in Baidoa on Monday. General Zinni said American forces would oot conduct house-to-house searches or automatically disarm anyone carrying weapons such as assault rifles.

"This is a country loaded with weapons and weapons are a symbol of manhood," said General Zinni, who participated in military relief operations in Russia. Yugoslavia and Kurdistan in the past two

"So when you go after them," he said, "you better have thought it through

"This is Dodge City," he added.
"Well, it was, but Wyatt is in town now," an allusion to the celebrated marshal Wyatt Earp, who brought relative peace in the 1870s to Dodge City. Kansas, by banning the carrying of handguns.
General Zinni said that creating

local police forces and offering communities public works projects as disarmament incentives were among the other steps commanders believe will help reduce the oumber of weapons in the country.

General Zinni said the military was using a Somali-language radio station and a mimeographed newspaper called Hope, which were recently established by the U.S. Information Services formation Service, to spread the word that any remaining technicals would be fair game for military

#### BANISH: Israeli Court Rejects Plea on Expulsions

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leaving aside questions of right or wrong, they have yet to make the deportations stick and they must contend with the impact of tele-vised images of huddling Palestin-ians pleading to go home.

While there is no evidence that Mr. Rabin has lost Israeli public support on this matter, he faces increased press criticism that he has intensified the Palestinian uprising and enhanced the reputation of his main target, the Islamic Resistance Movement, known as Ha-

"In soccer, this is called kicking

another name: stupidity."

Adding to the pressure on the Israelis, Secretary of State Law-rence S. Eagleburger said Monday evening on a television news show that whatever the expelled Palestin-ians may have done, "the fact of the matter is you can't leave them wandering around in the middle of no place out there, being shot from both directions."

Some Israeli officials insisted that, whatever the problems now, Lebanon would eventually accept the exiles, and the crisis would subside without lasting harm inflicted 

daily life and political life, this has who warned tonight that the Supreme Court ruling "cast serious doubts" on Israeli decision-making and dealt "serious blows to the possibilities of peace between Palestin-ians and Israelis."

both served on the university's

two years, rising to the rank of captain, and began his government

delegation to the Strategic Arms

Limitation Talks and, in 1973, be-

came general counsel to the Senate

representative to the conventional

He is currently on the board of

arms talks with the Warsaw Pact.

Essentially, the court decided after three days of hearings on the expulsion order that there was nothing for it to decide, "We didn't see room for us to get involved," said Meir Shamgar, the court presi-

■ End Seen to Gaza Closure Israel will lift the 16-day closure on the Gaza Strip on Wednesday, allowing Palestinians to cross into

### SERBS: Panic Urges World Not to Use More Force to Stop Bosnian Strife

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tion forbids the deployment of German forces

outside of NATO nations.
This is a very sensitive one for our German friends and they want a little bit more time," said a NATO source, who asked not to be

In Washington, the foreign ministers of Austria, Hungary, Poland and Slovenia, which was once part of Yugoslavia, gave President George Bush strong support for tough action to enforce the exclusion zone.

"It is highly important to take certain actions beyond mere peace-keeping because the massive violation of human rights in that area might find imitators elsewhere — elsewhere in Europe and elsewhere in the world," said Foreign Minister Krzysztof Skubiszewski of Po-land.

Serbia responsible for Mr. Milosevic's apparent state ruled by law they could with full reason be victory.

"The elections in Yugoslavia have with reason provoked great attention in the domestic and world public," he said in a statement to Tanjug. "A choice was made between two con-

cepts and two systems. It was not a choice of the voters between two figures." With less than 50 percent of the vote from Sunday's election officially counted, Mr. Milo-sevic's ahare was put at 55 percent. Mr. Panic was said to have won 34.95 percent. There was still no exact figure for voter turnout, however.

The election was regarded by many as important for the future course of the war in Bosma. Mr. Panic, a Yugoslav-born California mil-

lionaire, promised to end the fighting if elected. He accused Mr. Milosevic of cheating in the election and said he would request a new vote

annulled."

He cited government control of the media, which has also been criticized by international observers. The observers said that the campaign was unfair and accused Mr. Milosevic of run-ning a smear campaign against Mr. Panic, "In view of the fact that only the first channel

of state TV is seen in the entire territory of Serbia," Mr. Panic said, "it is clear that these programs were the only basis for the people in the interior of the country to make their

In oorthern and central Bosnia-Herzegovina, Serbs pounded villages and towns on Tuesday, the Croatian press agency HINA reported, citing Bosnian radio.

Serbian artillery concentrated on the north-ern villages of Breko and Gradacac, where Serbian forces placed reinforcements on Mon-Mr. Panic, who appeared to be lagging far behind President Stobodan Milosevic in Scr-bia's presidential election, indirectly appealed to the ontside world oot to hold the people of the ontside world

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Arrested again in 1967, he was sentenced to 10 years for rebellion. Freed on probation in 1975, he began working as deputy editor of a daring new political magazine. A year later he was back in prison, sentenced to a dozen years for inciting rebellion. He served the full term and was released in 1987.

Mr. Huang then became active in the opposition Democratic Progressive Party. In 1990 he mounted a quixotic drive for president, campaigning around the island, even though the president was chosen

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prisoner appears to be over. Born on Taiwan in a family that goes back several generations, he dropped out of seventh grade when his parents could no longer afford school fees. Some years later, he found a job at a university bibrary, allowing him to audit classes, and he became

In 1963, when he was 24, he tried to organize an opposition political party, the Freedom Party, and was arrested for the first time. He was held without trial for three years, and that turned him against the

"Uotil then, I figured that the Knomintang was basically a good party, with some lower officials who weren't so great," he recounted in Mandarin Chinese. "But that was when I lost my faith in the Kuomin-

After being released, he fell in with other dissidents and began to seek oot just democracy but an independent Taiwan, separate from the Chinese mainland. This was heretical, since the Knomintang, ousted by Mao Zodong's Communists in 1949, claimed to rule all of China from

DISSENT: A Veteran Taiwan Dissident Finds Himself Without a Calling not hy popular vote but by parliament. He even timed his wedding for the campaign. That way, he could use presents of cash to finance his

Late in 1990, be was again arrested and sentenced to 10 years for advocating an independent Taiwan, and he remained behind bars until

These days, however, Mr. Huang attracts little attention and is given little chance of succeeding in politics. The characteristics that made him and other political prisoners so steadfast — their unwillingness to comprouise, their passion for far-reaching change — appear to alarm voters and seem to be liabilities in the changed political system they

Deputy Foreign Minister John H. Chang seemed unembarrassed, even intrigued, when asked about Mr. Huang. He inquired if Mr. Huang still seemed mentally balanced after enduring so many years in prison. (He does.) Mr. Chang then mused that the dissidents had lost

their best campaign theme.

"The issues on which they attacked the government are gone," he said. "So I don't see how people like Huang Hua can have much of a

This seems to describe Mr. Huang. Early this month, the Democratic Progressive Party held a fund-raising banquet, but when Mr. Huang showed up, there was no place at the head table for the party's former presidential candidate. He found a place at another table, but was

treated as a nobody.

"It was very sad," a guest at the banquet said, "He stayed for a while and then left early."

# AIRLINE: British Airways, Balking at U.S. Demands, Drops USAir Deal Continent, the Middle East and Africa. The British countered by offering more access to regional cities. In dropping the deal, British Air The British countered by offering more access to regional cities. In dropping the deal, British Air The British countered by offering more access to regional citing, but it would open up questions that most countries are not rights in their cities in exchange for rights in many of ours. When they

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tang. It couldn't be trusted."

High-powered lobbyists, including power brokers from previous Re-publican administrations representing both aides, had been predicting for weeks that he would Mr. Card said the deal "pushed

the envelope of legal precedent," but would not guarantee the "open skies" access to British airports he had demanded, and which he said he hoped the incoming Clinton ad-ministration would pursue. There was no evidence that the Clinton transition officials had intervened. The recently privatized British airline, leading in the fight among the world's carriers to construct

globe girdling alliances, had pro-posed an innovative deal to inject \$750 million into USAir in exchange for veto power over decisions made by its board, thus enabling the two airlines to operate as tween countries to serve cities in

U.S. law prohibits a foreign entity from owning more than 25 per- is which airline gets access to its cent of a domestic airline's voting stock, and the three biggest U.S. lines-United, American and Delta - complained to the Department of Transportation.

instead of opposing the deal outpremier aviation gateway to the legal challenges to their bilateral

In dropping the deal, British Airways said the United States was seeking "unwarranted and unilateral concessions" from the British

But Robert Crandall, chairman of American Airlines, said British Airways had made a "simple balancing of business interests" by offsetting its potential gains in the United States against the loss of "its unchallenged dominance" at Heathrow and thrown in its hand. This judgment was echoed by airline analysts, who saw the deal

with USAir as too far ahead of its time. Two fundamental issues were involved, and both challenged the postwar structure of international aviation, which is founded on a network of bilateral agreements beeach of them. One is who controls each nation's airlines, and the other

airports. "If the United States had approved British control of USAir, it would have no longer would have been a U.S. carrier but still would have been serving domestic airright, they saw an opportunity to ports," said John Ash of Global trade the challenge by a deep-pock-ets foreign competitor for more ton. "That could have opened the gate space at Heathrow, Europe's way for other countries to raise

Group Ltd., a New York invest- ans have to offer. If the British had

really couldn't get what they want-ed without a combined EC aviation british of another double cross."

That's especially true of the Eu-ropean Community, remarked John Pincavage of Transportation bargained it away now for access to "American, Delta, and United USAir's routes, their European

### Persistence Paid for U.S. Carriers That Opposed the Opening to BA

New York Times Service

NEW YORK - When Robert L. Crandall, chairman of American Airlines, began to lead the four-month lobbying effort against the British Airways deal to buy a major stake in USAir, he was largely a

The other side had gotten the jump by winning endorsement for the venture in major newspapers; USAir workers were sending thousands of letters to legislators who seemed to able to gain the ear of major political figures, including President George Bush.

But eventually the juggernaut of three major airlines — United, American and Delta — and the Federal Express air freight carrier began to have an effect. The four hammered away at their position that they would go along with the deal if Britain would reopen bilateral agreements and give U.S. carriers wide latitude in expanding there.

In time their position began to appear reasonable while BA's argument that the investment would save jobs at USAir and should not be tied to changes in the bilateral accords began to sound unfair.

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# **Tightening** Rules on **Immigrants**

By Clyde H. Farnsworth New York Times Service

TORONTO — Long considered a model of generosity in granting asylum to the world's persecuted, Canada is making its immigration procedures more restrictive in the biggest change in Canadian immigration law in 16 years.

With memployment well over 10 percent, the new law responds to a decline in Canadian tolerance toward immigrants, among other reasons, because they are seen as competitors in the labor force.

The law, which received final anproval on Dec. 17 and was to take effect by Jan. 1, has drawn criticism from refugee and civil liberties groups. Asylum approvals have been on the decline, from 76 per-cent of the applicants in 1989 to 57 percent this year, and the law is expected to lower the rate further.

But Canada's policies will still be more liberal than those of the United States. For instance, Canada has no country quotas, but assesses applicants on the basis of professional, educational and financial backgrounds, a process further developed in the new law.

Howard Greenberg, head of the immigration section of the Canadian Bar Association, said that under the law, "applying to Canada will be like applying to law school: The government will collect applica-tions worldwide and assess them as against one another, and select the cream of the crop for processing,'

The main restrictions relate to refugees. "We're concerned that this new legislation will restrict the number of people who get to Canada to make a refugee claim," said Fay Sims, Canadian refugee coor-

A survey by the Immigration Department demonstrated that Canada is not isolated from the wave of xenophobia rolling over Europe. More than 40 percent of Canadians, according to the poll, say their country admits too many immigrants. One-third say they want to keep out people who are different

But Greg James, president of the Refugee Lawyers Association, challenges the general perception fair share of refugees. Thirty thousand people sought asylum in Can-ada last year, he said, compared with 256,000 in Germany, 46,000 in France and 45,000 in Britain.

According to data from the Immigration and Naturalization Service, the United States accepted nearly 500,000 refugee applications

for elections next year. The measure is seen as stealing thunder rom the Reform Party, which has been taking votes from Tories in western Canada and which has To Employment and Immigration Minister Bernard Valcourt, the measure meets the "new realities" of the 1990s.

Refugee advocates have serious reservations about a provision that gives border guards the right to determine who is entitled to make a refugee claim, without appeal.

"We're concerned about that," said Mr. James, "because it will be done in the context of a simple interview in which the claimant may not have counsel or a qualified person to assist him."

#### Czech Student Is Charged

Agence France-Presse PRAGUE - A 19-year old student has been charged with the attempted murder of the Czech Communist Party chief, Jiri Svoboda, the CTK news agency said Tues-day. On Dec. 5, a man wearing a mask stabbed Mr. Svoboda outside

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# Canadians Nathan Milstein, Celebrated Violin Virtuoso, Is Dead at 88

stein, 88, the Russian-born violin virtuoso, died of a heart attack Monday at his home in London. To many, Mr. Milstein - the

last surviving pupil of Leopold Auer, considered the 20th century's preemment teacher of violin - was the greatest of all exponents of the 19th-century repertory, though he played music from Bach to Prokofiev and had achieved a special affinity for the Bach unaccompanied

From the beginning, his playing was constantly described as "flaw-less," "aristocratic" and "elegant." A supreme technician, he neverthe-less refrained from flaunting his extraordinary bow and finger dexterity. Instead he concentrated on the substance of the music, interpreting it in a warm, unaffected,

As a Romantie violinist he had in his repertory any number of virtuo-so works, including his own "Paganiniana," a wild melange of viomistic stunts based on the famous 24th Caprice by Paganini. But even who was playing. It was pure, unconvinced of the genius of a young in works like these he managed to cluttered, bonest playing free of player, managed to arrange the

scended any hint of vulgarity. Year after year, Mr. Milstein Brown-haired, medium-sized, stocky but never looking stout, he came on stage and, in his imperturbable manner, made music as he always did.

His playing virtuosic as it could He had several teachers as a be when the music demanded, always gave the feeling of intimacy. It was characteristic that he elected than the Guarnerius del Jesu instruments favored by more exhibitionistic players.

Tn Glenn Dicterow, the concertmaster of the New York Philhar- tory. When he was 12 he was in Mr. monic and a representative of the Auer's class in St. Petersburg. younger generation. Mr. Milstein ranked with Jascha Heifetz and Fritz Kreisler as one who set alltime standards.

"Milstein was the complete vio-

By Harold C. Schonberg imbue the music with a kind of any technical problems. He set a necessary papers. Mr. Milstein reelegance that completely transtandard that nobody today can mained with Mr. Auer for about

played in much the same flawless his period, Mr. Milstein came from very much. manner, with no apparent deterio- the ghetto. He was born in Odessa ration. He never seemed to age, on Dec. 31, 1903, and started studying the violin at the age of 4. He later said that he became a violinist because his mother made him study the instrument to keep him out of mischief.

Stoliarsky, later the teacher of David Oistrakh (also born in Odessa, to use a Stradivarius, a more subtle in 1908). The young Milstein soon instrument with a smaller sound outstripped everybody around. At age 10 he played the Glazunov Aminor concerto with the composer on the podium. At 11, he was admitted into the Odessa Conserva-

Mischa Elman, Heifetz, Efrem Zimbalist and Toscha Seidel, all Jews. In those days it was no easy matter for a Jew to gain admittance as one of the great violinists was to the St. Petersburg or Moscow launched in the West. linist," be said. "You heard three notes of the man and you knew conservatories, hut Mr. Auer, once

three years and later in life said that Like many Russian violinists of Mr. Auer had not really taught him

Mr. Milstein made his recital debut in 1915, accompanied at the piano by his sister. He soon started ing recitals all over Russia. In 1921 he started a lifelong friendship with a young pianist named Vladimir Horowitz. They thought He had several teachers as a much the same way about music, played through the entire literature at bome and started giving concerts

From all accounts, Mr. Milstein was a happy-go-lucky young man at that time, taking his great talent for granted, enjoying a good time, never worrying about the next day. In 1926, Mr. Milstein left Russia for Paris, arriving there with no money and no violin. For a short period he worked with the famous Among Mr. Auer's pupils were Belgian violinist Eugène Ysaye. He soon found a patron, made a sensational debut in Paris, and his career

> In October 1929, he made his American debut with the Philadelphia Orchestra under Leopold Sto

kowski's direction, playing the Glazunov A-minor concerto. In 1942 he became a U.S. citizen.

Albert King, Blues Guitarist, Was Having Career Revival

MEMPHIS, Tennessee (AFP) — Albert King, 69, the noted lefthanded blues guitarist who was enjoying a career revival and planned to tour Europe next year, died Monday of a heart attack, relatives

1950s and quickly exerted a strong influence on rock music, with such guitarists as Erie Clapton paying him homage in their music.

Born in Indianola, Mississippi, Mr. King began his recording ca-reer with "Bad Luck Blues" and "Be on Your Merry Way," making the blues charts with songs like "Laundromat Blues" and "Don't Throw Your Love on Me So Strong," and with his 1968 album

Stella Adler, 91, a Leading **Teacher of Method Acting** NEW YORK (NYT) - Stella Adler, 91, a leading exponent of

cred the leading American teacher of her craft, died Monday at her home in Los Angeles

She died of heart failure, said Irene Gilbert, director of the Stella

Adler Conservatory in Hollywood. Miss Adler was born into a celebrated acting family rooted in the Yiddish theater. She made her stage debut at the age of 4, appeared in nearly 200 plays in the United States and abroad, and occasionally directed productions.

She also shaped the careers of thousands of grateful performers, including Marion Brando, Warren Beatty and Robert De Niro, at the Stella Adler Conservatory of Acting, which she founded in Manhattan in 1949 and where she taught

Louis Ducreux, 81, whose 60year career as a playwright, actor and composer included stints as director of the Marseille and Monte Carlo operas, died in Paris Saturday. No cause of death was given.

Albert Sazbon, 85, responsible for financial statistics at the Herald Tribune in Paris, from 1944 to 1972, died of a stroke Saturday in Method Acting who many consid- Paris.



Nathan Milstein, one of this century's leading violinists.

## U.S. Women Lagging In Blue-Collar Jobs

By D'Vera Cohn and Barbara Vobeida

Washington Post Service
WASHINGTON — American women with college degrees surged into professional and executive occupations over the past decade, but those with less education were locked out of many male-

dominated blue-collar jobs, new census figures show.

Across the United States, less-educated women often remain in low-paying jobs in child care and office work. Two decades after women broke into male-dominated trades such as construction and auto repair, they hold a tiny minority of those well-paid jobs, unable

to overcome stubborn barriers. Women hold just under 3 percent of jobs in the nation's construc-tion trades, barely changed from 1980, and just over 4 percent of repair jobs. Women gained in other types of blue-collar employment. They doubled their share of jobs as postal carriers and now make up

nearly half of all bus drivers and dispatchers.

Some experts said that jobs such as fire fighting and construction may be less attractive to women because of strong group cultures that can encourage hostility and harassment from men. Women made more inroads into jobs such as postal delivery and meter reading rephase because people in those jobs work along reading perhaps because people in those jobs work alone

Census data for 1980 and 1990 provide the most detailed look in a decade at the status of women in the workplace. Experts said the greater presence of women in professions such as law was a result of pressure brought by women's organizations and the civil rights movement to get more female students into the

Now, one-third or more of medical, law and business school graduates are women. Women represent 46 percent of the nation's financial managers, 42 percent of biologists, 21 percent of physicians

and 39 percent of math professors. By contrast, women's advocates said, unfriendly craft unions and tradition-minded job counselors still control access to apprentice-ships and training programs that lead to jobs in the blue-collar world. Weakened enforcement of job discrimination laws over the

last decade also hurt, they said. In some cases - manufacturing and coal mining, for example women began pressing for equity just as employment declined

### Some critics argue that the law is part of the positioning of Prime Minister Brian Mulroney's Pro-But Satellite vanishes

BELJING - A telecommunications satellite launched by China ter in Sichuan Province. Optus exhas disappeared, and the Austra- pected to begin receiving signals had given it up for lost.

The disappearance could set back China's ambitions in the competitive launching industry.

China Great Wall Industry Corp., the company that launched the satellite on Monday, went ahead with a celebration banquet Tnesday at a luxury hotel, and company officials made no mention of the satellite's disappearance

Officials from Optus Communications, which owns the satellite, and Hughes Aircraft Corp. of Los Angeles, which made it, did not

David Foster, a spokesman for Optus, said that they had not re-ceived "any signals at all."

"We can't track it," he added. "It might have blown up."
But Tan Li, a spokeswoman for China Great Wall, said, "We have completed our launch responsibilities. We had no problems."

the Xichang Satellite Launch Cenabout 14 hours later.

'Nobody knows what's hap pened to it," Mr. Foster said in Sydney. "We don't know whether it's a fault with the rocket or the satellite or a combination of both. Optus said it paid Hughes \$345 million to make, launch and insure two satellites — this one and one that was launched in August. The

first one took two tries to get it into China has launched only one other foreign satellite this year: a Swedish satellite for scientific ex-

Mr. Foster said Optus was connuing to look for the satellite but that there was little hope of finding it in workable condition. Chinese newspapers earried

front-page reports of the launching, accompanied by congratula-

The papers did not mention any

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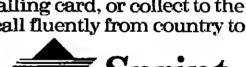


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# Khmer Rouge Start Artillery Barrages, Testing UN Resolve

PHNOM PENH - Khmcr Rouge guerrillas have unleashed heavy artillery barrages in northwest Cambodia to test the resolve of UN peacekeepers, senior Phnom

Penh officials said Tuesday.
Fighting around Phun Bavel also threatened the provincial capital, Battambang, said a government spokesman, Uch Kiman.

In the past week sbelling by Khmer Rouge and government forces across the Mongkol Borei River at Bavel, 38 kilometers (about 24 miles) northwest of Battambang, has sent at least 10,000 civilians fleeing from their homes. Many had just been repatriated

from refugee camps in Thailand. . The head of state, Prince Noro-dom Sihanouk, and the chief of the UN peacekeeping mission, Yasushi Akashi, have condemned the violence and appealed for both sides to immediately halt the shelling.
The Cambodian spokesman re-

#### French Policeman Gets Manslaughter Charge

PARIS - A policeman has been charged with manslaughter in the case of a Moroccan teenager whose death last weekend sparked riots in southern France, his lawyer said

Tuesday. The officer, Daniel Marty, was charged with shooting 17-year-old Hassan Ben Hamed on Sunday as the youth was being handcuffed for

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"The civilians don't run to their areas," he said. "We're the ones who have to look after them."

The flare-up in the northwest is the latest problem to afflict the troubled peace mission, launched after the four Cambodian factions signed an accord in Paris in October last year. The pact ended 13 years of civil war between the government and a Khmer Rouge-led

The Khmer Rouge have refused to disarm or allow voters to register in their zones for elections scheduled for May. In the past month they have directly challenged the United Nations by kidnapping groups of peacekeeping troops on

Mr. Kiman urged the UN force to exercise its mandate more stroogly in consuring Khmer Rouge-instigated cease-fire viola-



MUSLIMS DEMONSTRATE IN INDIA — A policeman, right, scuffling with Muslim protesters on Tuesday during a demonstration in New Delhi. The Muslims were protesting the destruction of a mosque by fundamentalist Hindus on Dec. 6.

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out to other politicians.
But opposition parties said they

dicting 60 politicians who are being investigated for allegedly receiving money from the 78-year-old Mr.

The Liberal Democratic Party also wrapped up its own probe into the scandal after former Prime vision and press reports, said they could not charge Mr. Kanemaru with illegally handing out the mon-Minister Noboru Takeshita said that he had not been involved with gangsters in his rise to power in 1987. ey to the politicians because of lack

> Mr. Kanemaru allegedly had Hiroyasu Watanabe, then president of Tokyo Sagawa Kuyubin Co., solicit help from an under-world boss to quell a rightist smear campaign against Mr. Takeshita's bid to become prime minister in that year.

Opposition parties and other civic groups reacted angrily to the decisions. The Social Democratic Party said it would appeal the prosecutors' decision.

"The prosecution is running away, hiding its face from public opinion," said the Socialist deputy Torao Takasawa.

Mr. Kanemaru testified under oath that he had received more than \$4 million in illegal donations from Tokyo Sagawa and that the money was distributed through his

But the secretary, Masahisa Hai-bara, later refused to specify where the money went when he was forced to testify before a partiamentary committee.

Mr. Kanemaru, who at the peak of his power could make or break Japan's leadership, stepped down as vice president of the ruling party in August after admitting to ing money from Tokyo Sagawa. He resigned from parliament in Octo-ber.

#### Weinberger Hit With Charges of **More Deceptions**

WASHINGTON - Special rosecutors bave accused former Defense Secretary Caspar W. Weinberger of seven more lies about the Iran-Contra scandal that they said they wanted to prove at his trial next month.

In a filing with Judge Thomas F. Hogan of U.S. District Court, the prosecutors disclosed new notes made by Mr. Weinberger that not only contradict his previous statements but also give additional information about the evolution of the scandal itself.

The prosecutors said all seven false statements were "closely related" to the four-count indictment against Mr. Weinberger and were important to show that he had a motive to lie to congressional investigators in 1986 and 1987 and to keep lying later on to investigators for independent counsel Lawrence

In a continuing irony of the charges against Mr. Weinberger, the new notes provide fresh evidence of how strongly Mr. Wein-berger opposed President Ronald Reagan's desire to send arms to Iran in hopes of freeing Americans then being held hostage in Lebanon by pro-Iranian terrorists.

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# **But Other Young Economists** May Survive in New Cabinet

Gaidar's Trade Chief

Resigns in Russia

By Celestine Bohlen New York Times Service

MOSCOW - As negotiations over the formation of Russia's new government continued in secret, Pyour O. Aven, the foreign trade minister, handed in his resignation Tuesday, becoming the first major member of former acting Prime Minister Yegor T. Gaidar's team of young, free-market-minded economists to leave the cabinet.

But according to several reports, other principal members of Mr. Gaidar's government were expected to stay in office, assuring some continuity in Russia's yearlong attempt to introduce a market econo-

Mr. Aven, 37, had been targeted by conservatives in the Russian parliament who are hoping that Prime Minister Viktor S. Chernomyrdin will slow the pace of eco-

nomic change.

As Russia's principal negotiator at talks on the rescheduling of \$80 billion in debts to Western governments and banks, Mr. Aven's departure will add new uncertainty to negotiations that have already tested the West's patience with Russia's financial difficulties.

It also opens up a plum job at the head of a ministry that oversees the issuing of coveted export licenses for raw materials and the distribution of preferential import credits for companies buying goods and equipment from abroad

A spokesman said Mr. Aven decided to leave once it was clear his name was not on the new prime minister's list.

'He does not see a place for himself in the Chernomyrdin government," said Pavel Karikov, Mr. Aven's press spokesman. "His exit is tied to Gaidar's own departure." Mr. Chemomyrdin was due to

put together his new cabinet Tuesday, but the full list of appointees must be approved by President Boris N, Yeltsin before it is made public Wednesday.

The formation of a new govern-

ment has turned into a liunus test of Mr. Chernomyrdin's commitment to the economic changes be-gun by Mr. Gaidar. On Saturday, Mr. Yeltsin rushed home from China a day early, explaining that his presence was necessary to keep the inner core of Mr. Galdar's old team in place.

According to several reports, two of Mr. Gaidar's closest allies — First Deputy Prime Ministers Alexander N. Shokhin and Anatoll B. Chubais, who heads Russia's ambitions privatization program — are expected to stay in the new govern-

Besides Mr. Aven, the only minister to offer to resign during the

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servative opposition for policies regarded as too pro-Western, is also expected to leave government since his reappointment will re. quire the approval of the partia-

Mr. Yeltsin, suffering from a cold that forced him to cancel a meeting this week of the heads of the Commonwealth of Independent States in Minsk, held consultations Tuesday with several goverament figures on the formation

of the new cabinet. The president also won a victory Tuesday in the Russian parliament with the adoption of a law that gives him the right to fire his prime minister, an ameodment that would give him leverage over Mr.

Russian Reassures Bankers Alexei Ulyukaev, ecooomic adviser to Mr. Chemomyrdin, dismissed on Tuesday reports from

Moscow that the government would jettison its tight money policy. Reuters reported from Moscow. But he said demands from conservatives in parliament who advocate greater social spending would pump up the big budget deficil

already a sea of red ink. Mr. Ulyukaev, visiting New York to ease fears that Russia's new government would undermine recent changes, said reports that the central bank was preparing to flood the stricken economy with one trillion rubles (\$2.4 billion)

were largely empty talk. "I don't think the chiefs of the central bank will really overture the monetary policy," Mr. Ulvukaev said at a news briefing.

Calling the head of the central bank, Viktor V. Gerashchenko a good banker," Mr. Ulyukaev said: "His words, his statements are more dangerous than his actions."
International financial institutions and Russia's many creditors

have demanded a tight money poli-

cy as part of a package to revive the former superpower.

Mr. Ulyukaev added that Mr.
Chernomyrdin had no real economic vision of his own and could prove to be reliant on the easymoney faction that controls the

central bank. "The situation is now more dangerous than before because we can foresee the increase in government spending, particularly social spending, Mr. Ulyukaev said.

He warned that the deficit was likely to hit 10 or 11 percent of Russia's gross national product. Mr. Ulyukaev said that Mr. Chernomyrdin's position was "very close to the position of the previous

"Both understand that under cirselection process was Ella A. Pam-philova, minister of social welfare. financial resources, recovery is very Foreign Minister Andrei V. Ko- closely associated with attracting zyrev, heavily criticized by the con- foreign investment," he said.

#### Tokyo public prosecutors said they had also decided against indicting 60 politicians when the decision. Wide-ranging moosy-and-mobster scandal that shook Japan in 1992. The prosecutors TOKYO — Tokyo prosecutors

said Tuesday they would not indict Shin Kanemaru, the former power broker of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party, for handing money

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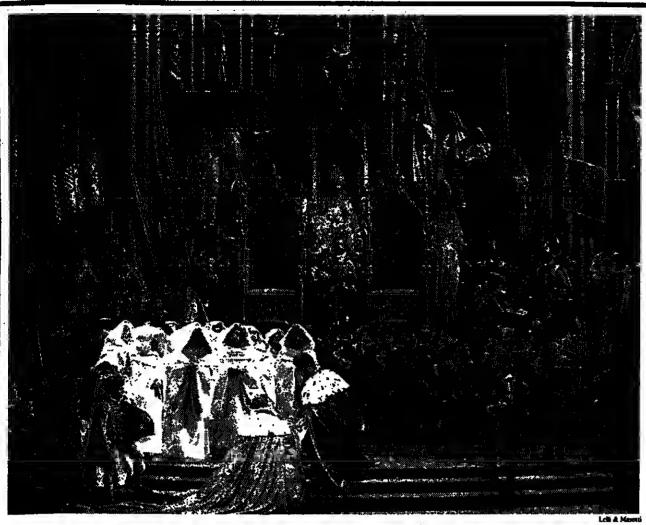
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ILAN -- When Luciano Pavarotti opened La Scala's season with the cracked oote heard around the world, it got Italy's leading opera house some publicity of the kind it could do without.

But it also raises the question of wby Pavarotti was cast in the title role of Verdi's "Don Carlo" in the first place. In many ways, the role of the melancholy Spanish prince seems singularly ill-suited to the tenor's flamboyant personality. Furthermore, although it is the title role, it is far from being the most important male role in this oppressive but

darkly beautiful opera.
Pavarotti apologized publicly and cleaned up his act, but that was not enough to rescue a lavish but hollow production by Franco Zeffirelli, surprisingly disjointed musical direction by Riccardo Muti, and less than satisfac-

tory casting in several roles.
"Don Carlo" is not an easy matter. Written originally in five acts for Paris in 1867 and massively revised in a four-act version given at La Scala in 1884 (the version Muti used), it is Meyerbeerian display on the outside but

Verdian personal drama on the inside. The complex plot uses history, but does not follow it. The many conflicts — church vs. state, father vs. son, political liberalism vs. the oppressive state, an impossible love — are given personal form in scenes of compelling musical power. And the low voices prevail the musical-dramatic peaks include extended bass-bass and bass-baritone duets and a quartet without a tenor.

Zeffirelli's staging and sets seemed designed more for Meyerbeer than Verdi, geared toward outward display instead of dramatic pertinence. And the direction of individual singers, insofar as it existed at all. was of the "don't just stand there, do something" school.

The great confrontation between Philip II and the Grand Inquisitor was semi-ruined. The Inquisitor, 90 years old and blind, is the embodiment of an implacable church. He was appropriately led in by two monks, but as soon as they left, the Inquisitor forgot his sightlessness and hurched around the stage looking like nothing so much as a singer seeking a resonant spot from which to ad-dress the audience.

The audience at the fourth performance did not seem unduly upset when Pavarotti final scene, with touching sensitivity. None-theless, these are roles that call for more pure vocal weight.

Both vocally and dramatically, Paolo Coni was a pale Rodrigo, the improbable political liberal but one of Verdi's great baritooe roles, and Luciana D'Intino was a charming but vocally underweight Eboli,

OCALLY, only the two leading basses sang with total assurance and dramatic sense. But Samuel Ramey played Philip II as a young. energetic man - historically right but dramatically dubious. He sang the king's great soliloquy with much feeling, but this is the lament of an old man, not otherwise in evidence. Alexander Anisimov's solid Russian bass is well employed as the Inquisitor — if only he had been allowed to sit still.

Muti, although he labored mightily in the pit, seemed not to have arrived at overall musical control of the work, although beginning with the third act the performance began

#### **LONDON THEATER**

# 4½ Hours Can't Save This 'Hamlet'

By Sheridan Morley International Herald Tribani

ONDON - Clocking in at four and a half hours, Adriao Noble's oew "Hamlet" at the RSC Barbican is a late-Victorian melodrama dominated by death.

Long before we reach the Gravediggers themselves, their territory is center stage. Indeed, the Ghost of Hamlet's father pops out of the Earth at the outset like a figure from a Stephen King horror.

From there on the evening be-comes a lengthy and odd mix of Chekhov and J. M. Barrie's Ophelia (Joanne Pearce) seems to have stepped straight out of "Peter Pan," while the actors stepping off a train at Elsinore station might well be en route to the first performance of "The Cherry Orchard."

Then we've John Shrapnel as a mildly Machiavellian Claudius, David Bradley as a civil-servant Polonius and Jane Lapotaire as a country-bouse-party-hostess Gertrude, all secure enough in the own worlds through which Kenneth Branagh's Hamlet moves amiably if rather uncharismatically.

This is Branagh's third Hamlet in as many years, and he seems yet again the perfect Horatio or Laertes. What he lacks most crucially are Hamlet's qualities of indecisioo or procrastination, so that only in those rare moments of the prince's action does his performance come to any real life.

There is no internal energy here, oo real philosophy or agonized self-examination, just a rather jolly team leader crashing into the shadows of Denmark's courtly turmoil.

Noble has one or two intriguing ootions, notably that Gertrude drinks the poisoned chalice at the end oot in ignorance, but rather in a defiant suicide gesture having at last realized the evil of Claudius, but most of his best ideas are peripheral to Hamlet's central dilemma and constitute a series of elegant sideshows while the center of the action remains something of a void, albeit attractive and intelligent in its interior decorations.

Downstairs in the Barbican Pit, Peter Shaffer's "The Gift of the Gorgon" is a magnificently overthe top moral drama about a rogue dramatist and his guardian wife.

Shaffer is here concerned with the possibility of bringing Greek revenge tragedy to the modern British political stage. His play-wright is determined to challenge Sun" through "Equus" and "Ama- present, as well as the dramatist's the author.

Robert Lindsay in "Cyrano de Bergerac."

alone he retreats to a Greek island, there to arrange a death more appalling than any in the classical tragedies of that area.

As always operatic, unwieldy, overwritten aod unmissable, Shaffer here cootinues the debate that runs from "Royal Hunt of the show us the Greeks who are forever

an audience grown soft on the work deus" to "Lettice and Lovage," the of his contemporaries, and when one about the manic but godly art-that audience finally leaves him ist up against the worldly figure of reasoo but no inspiration.

With Michael Pennington in the role of the artist and Judi Dench as his all too reasonable wife we are in powerful hands, and Peter Hall's production magnificently opens up the cramped confines of the Pit to

appalled academic son (Jeremy Northam) trying to annotate a career that has self-imploded into violence and destruction.

At a time when most contemporary playwrights shy away from such universal themes as the justice of revenge and the possibility of the theater as a temple, Shaffer bravely goes in at the deep end, leaving director and cast to try to keep the play from drowning in its own huge ambitions.

This they very nearly do, and although at moments we are dangerously near parody ("I slept bad-ly last night" "Not as badly as you will tonight") the Grand Guignol is finally kept at bay by the sheer intensity of what Shaffer has to say about sacred drama.

At the Haymarket Theatre Royal, "Cyrano de Bergerac" has a strong central performance from Robert Lindsay but a rather shaky supporting cast in a new transla-tion by John Wells which, while it has its moments of poetry (not least in the final orchard scene), lacks much of the magic of the recent Gérard Depardieu movie.

Some of the problem here has to do with Stella Gonet as Roxanne and Gary Cady as Christian. Neither are able to command much of our interest in the actual plot, so that we are left with Lindsay endlessly buckling his swash to get us through a sub-Fairbanks evening in which only Julian Glover as de Guiche seems to have the classical intensity of the last RSC/Derek Jacobi revival.

At the Criterion, there is a curiously pointless staging of "Mis-ery," the Stephen King best-seller that has already become an Oscarwinning movie,

This was the one about the famous author who crashes his car into a tree, only to be taken bostage by a mad female fan who chops off his foot when he declines to write another sequel to her favorite of his works. Quite why anyone should wish to turn out on a dark night to see this Gothic creepy when for about half the price they can stay home with the video is a mystery all

But for those who have managed to survive the last catastrophic attempt to get King on stage (the RSC musical of "Carrie") this one does at least have a certain stagemanagement adequacy. Sharoo Gless from "Cagney and Lacey" is the loooy fan, Bill Patterson restrained in more ways than one as

# In Berlin, the Barenboim Touch

By John Rockwell

ERLIN - On Dec. 7, 1942, the Berlin Staatsoper celebrated its 200th inniversary. It cannot have been an altogether festive occasion. Germany was locked into a murderous war that prescient ob-servers knew it would lose. The historic opera house had been destroyed by Allied bombs the year before but rebuilt in record time (it

was to he destroyed again in 1945). Three weeks earlier in Buenos Aires, Daniel Barenboim, the son of Ukrainian Jewish refugees, was born. Fifty years later, as the new artistic director of the Berlin State Opera, Barenboim led its forces in the formal observance of the company's 250th anniversary.

Barenboin's arrival in Berlin, in the wake of his dismissal from the Opéra Bastille in Paris in 1989 and as part of the German capital's determined effort to remake itself, and its eastern portion especially, into a true world cultural center, is likely to transform this venerable company.

The State Opera sits squarely in the middle of the grand classical buildings on Uoter den Linden, the city's central boulevard. It is the most important opera house in the city, and it has had its many glorious years of artistic achievement. But over the years it has also been challenged by other companies, most recently the nearby Komische Oper and the Deutsche Oper in

Barenboim's 10-year cootract will allow him to put into practice operatic policies he had formulated in Paris. But there are differences between a new theater with the latest in stage machinery and a tradition-laden house with a big ensem-

with nothing in between," the con- der.

Barenboim said the buge reper-toty had already been reduced from 50 to 30 operas but that was "still too much" for the proper preparation of each production. He stressed that many repertory productions, especially those by Ruth
Berghaus and Harry Kupfer, remained viable. But he said that it would take three to five years before the repertory and ensemble had been reshaped the way he wanted. This will not, he hastened to add, iovolve full-scale disrup-

His arrival is

tions of the existing personnel partly to sustain morale and partly because, he said, many solo singers ready been removed. and orcbestra and chorus members were already very good.

Georg Quander, the theater's oew administrative director, said music director of the Chicago Sym-

This calendar year, the State Opera's subsidy is \$45 million, rising ble, ample repertory and to \$58 million in 1993. That will antiquated equipment. The main difference is that at sche Oper, but that company's the Bastille I would be doing exact-ly what I'm going to do here but Barenboim has stolen their thun-

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ductor said in an interview. "Here we already have a large number of productions we can play."

Barenboim said the buge reperbed. Still, all three Berlin compa
"You can't say the State Opera Cesare," which Frederick the Great commissioned to open this opera house.

In light of Berlin's laudable nies are jockeying for position. Reaffirmations from politicians at the

likely to transform the State Opera.

there will be other noted conductors and stage directors, along with new blood. Pierre Boulez, a strong Barenboim ally in Paris, will compose a new opera for Berlin as well as conduct Mussorgsky's "Boris Goduoov." Other plans include a new Wagner "Ring," conducting by Zubin Mehta and Christophyon Dohnanyi and directing by Patrice Chereau, Dieter Dorn and Achim Freyer. Barenboim said he would spend five months a year in Berlin and four months at his other job,

250th-birthday celebration that all three companies would continue to exist drew loud applause.
To generate additional revenue oounced the formation of a starstudded donors' board headed by Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the for-

mayor of Jerusalem. The board represents a deliberate effort to internationalize the State Opera. To that end Quander has formally proposed that the word "German" in the East German name for the company, the Deutsche Staatsoper, he dropped. The East German crest, carefully etched in gold in place of the old

USICALLY, the official birthday ceremony was the least interesting of what had been conceived as a three-day celebration. Two days before, Bar-enboim conducted a handsome new production of Busoni's rarely beard opera "Die Braotwahl" ("The Bridal Lottery"). The next 1912 could be perceived as pictur-day René Jacobs led a complete esque fatally undermine the piece (four-and-a-half-hour) staged performance of Graun's "Cleopatra e recent racist excesses.

In light of Berlin's laudable yearning to the outside world - a policy Genscher and others portrayed as a counterweight to recent oco-Nazism — the choice of the Busoni seemed problematic. Like Barenboim, Busoni was a faroous pianist who expanded his musical horizons and chose to live in Berlin. "Die Brautwahl" (1912) was based on an archetypally Berlin story by E. T. A. Holfmann.

But the story, which involves the intercession of two centuries-old medieval magicians into a comic opera love quadrangle, has a curi ous flavor today. The villain is Jew ish. The good magician has also been turned into a Jew in this production, in which all manner of cots and alterations have been introduced for political purification. "I resolved the question of anti-Semitism because we simply don't deal with the Jewish problem," Barenboim argued.

Still, despite a strong cast, an ingenious staging and Barenboim's sure conducting of the erratic but often lovely score, a discomforting aftertaste lingered. As one of Ger-many's leading music critics, Ger-hard R. Koch, put it in the Frankforter Allgemeine Zeituog "Elements that between 1820 and after Auschwitz and in light of the



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### **OPINION**

# Herald Cribune.

# **Hong Kong Needs Clinton**

governor, Chris Patten, into dropping his proposals to broaden democracy. Mr. Pat-ten could use America's belp in this unequal rstruggle. Ready or not, Bill Clinton now races his first China test.

Supposedly, Mr. Deng wants to force Britain to kowtow to China on all decisions affecting the colony, even though British that leverage by vetoing any linkage berule runs through June 30, 1997. So when Mr. Patten called for increasing the elector-restrictions. Mr. Clinton has rightly deare for a number of legislative seats, China responded with escalating threats. The most serious so far is a declaration that contracts made with British authorities could be torn up by China after 1997, a clear violation of China's pledge to allow Hong Kong full autonomy for 50 years after the transition. Fortunately, Prime Minister John Major strongly supports his longtime friend and ally. And the Busb administration now vows to protect the contractual interests of U.S. firms.

While the showdown is mainly between Britain and China, Washington has a considerable interest in the outcome. With American public opinion still outraged over the Tiananmen massacre, further evidence

Diplomats say Deng Xiaoping himself gravely damage U.S.-Chinese relations. orchestrates China's bullying of Hong Much American business with China now passes through Hong Kong. And a law enacted this fall requires the president to report regularly to Congress on the progress of democratization in Hong Kong. Washington's potential leverage is also

great, since China's development depends on access to U.S. markets. Unfortunately, the Bush administration has undermined tween repugnant Chinese policies and trade clared his preference for maintaining trade ties, while pledging to demand greater re-spect for democracy and human rights.

China's offensive against Hong Kong democracy provides an early opportunity for Mr. Clinton to test his approach. So far, be has limited himself to vague cadorsements of human rights. What is needed is for America to stand firmly behind Mr. Patten, insisting that China respect both its own freely given commit-ments on autonomy, and Britain's author-ity under international law. Beijing's stubborn rulers seem determined to back themselves into a dangerous corner. The sooner Mr. Clinton signals his personal interest in Hong Kong's future the better.

— THE NEW YORK TIMES.

# Now the White House?

were two assistant secretaries of state who and staff to improperly influence the presidential election. Now, according to the unsealed order of the three-judge panel which appointed independent counsel Joseph diinvestigated to determine whether she committed one or more of several crimes related to the search of Mr. Clinton's files. And where this lesds or stops, no one knows.

Mr. Barr told the court that allegations that she may have made false statements to the inspector general's agents were in fact supported by evidence, and "the evidence of ber lack of criminal intent is less than clear and convincing." Not only were Mrs. Mullins's statements denying any involvement in the Clinton files search directly contradicted by the evidence, said Mr. Barr. He added that "there is also evidence that Mullins was aware of the interest in Clinton's files before the search occurred, and that Mullins helped encourage and direct the search." This, it may be recalled, was the explanation offered by fired Assistant Secretary of State Elizabeth Tamposi for the search's excesses. But the inspector general's report at the time simply dismissed Miss Tamposi's explanation by saying that she

was trying to "shift the blame to others." The special prosecutor's inquiry could end up clearing the names of Mrs. Mullins and other White House staff. Or it could lead to an unhappy closeout of the Bush administration. Given the seriousness of the criminal offenses on the table, Mr. di-Genova's task is to thoroughly and exhaustively sort this out, and fast.

-THE WASHINGTON POST.

# America Has to Get Serious About the Ex-Soviet Union

WASHINGTON — Our under-standable national focus on the human tragedy in Somalia and Bosnia must not divert our attention from events in the former Soviet Union that will affect our vital national security interests for generations to come.

Russian Foreign Minister Andrei Kozyrev's dramatic speech in Stockholm, when he spoke as if Russian foreign policy had been taken over by right-wing nationalists, electrified the senior American and European officials in attendance.

The tension was relieved when Mr. Kozyrev shortly thereafter explained that he had just done it to illustrate the importance to the West of Boris Yeltsin's cooperative foreign policy and therefore of President Yeltsin's political survival. Yet the perilous condition of the Russian economy and the conof the Russian economy tinuing struggle for political power should remind us daily that Mr. Kozyrev's audacious illustration cannot be dismissed as unrealistic.

That is why we must not be dis-tracted from the threat posed to America and its close allies by the thousands of nuclear warheads still mounted on intercontinental missiles in Russia, Belarus, Kazakhstan and

WASHINGTON — Bill Clinton promised to focus "like a laser beam on the economy." When he arrives in Washington, he will find two old

Senate hands, Sam Nunn and Richard Lugar, taking just that approach on the former Soviet Union.

Senators Num and Lugar have chosen to laser (verb, intransitive, showing soon in Webster's) on the building down of the Doomsday nuclear arsenal assembled and trained on the United States for four

decades by the paranoid rulers in the Kremlin.

About 30,000 warheads remain in Russia,
Ukraine, Kazakhstan and Belarus. Mr. Nunn and

Mr. Lugar visited these ex-Soviet republics last

month as part of their effort to persuade the ex-

Soviets "to get about the task of actually disman-

tling the weapons and handling this material in a safe way," in Mr. Nunn's words.

Working in the last two sessions of Congress, the

two senators got \$800 million appropriated to dan-gle before the republics that are willing to cooperate in the most important nuclear disarmament effort

the world has ever known. But getting the sustained,

coordinated attention of the political leaders in-

volved — including those in Washington — in recent months has been more difficult than getting.

the money. "Lasers on the blink" could describe

They met with George Bush on Dec. 9 to encourage a final all-out push by him, using his ties to Boris Yeltsin and simultaneously deeply involving Mr.

Clinton's team, to get strategic arms reductions nailed down in President Bush's last six weeks. But

they discovered that some of the most creative parts

what the two senators have encountered.

GENEVA — The replacement of Yegor Gaidar by Viktor Chernomyrdin provides an opportunity for changes in the misguided policies

followed by the Bush administration

full approval to the disastrous "shock

therapy" policies adopted by President Boris Yeltsin under Mr. Gai-

dar's direction. These policies have

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The U.S. government has given its

toward market reforms in Russia.

By Sam Nunn and Richard Lugar

Senator Nunn, a Democrat from Georgia, chairs the Armed Services Committee of the U.S. Senate. Senator Lugar, a Republican from Indiana, is a member of the Foreign Relations Committee.

The Clinton Laser Will Have to Beam on Russia, Too

By Jim Hoagland

of their disarmament approach were being held up by bureaucratic wrangling in Washington.

Mr. Nunn and Mr. Lugar have pushed almost to completion negotiations to have the United States finance the dismantling of ex-Soviet warheads by buying the highly enriched uranium they contain.

The revenue would be shared by the four ex-repub-lics. But the two spractors were stanged when they

lies. But the two senators were stunned when they were told at the Dec. 9 meeting that approval was being held up by objections from the Commerce Department that the deal would give the Russians

unfair trading advantages.

"It was the most ridiculous thing I ever heard in my life," Mr. Lugar told a friend later, "The administration just seems unfocused on this problem."

The same kind of unfocused response came from presidential advisers when the senators pointed out

an opportunity to cut years off the removal of ICBMs from Belarus by helping provide 5,000 housing units in Russia for the Russian guard units that

will have to be moved when the rockets come down.

in Congress that they hope Mr. Bush can, without them, wrap up the proposed framework agreement that would eventually cut the number of Russian warheads on ICBMs to 3,000. The incoming administration fears inheriting negotiations in which they would be pressed to make concessions that Mr.

Bush would not make as the price of the deal,
Mr. Yeltsin surprised Washington by indicating

By Melvin Fagen

Clinton operatives have indicated to Democrats

Ukraine, still aimed at the United States, still capable of being launched without warning in massive numbers at our cities and our citizens.

Unlike the situations in Bosnia and Somalia, the potential humanitarian disaster posed by the former Soviet Union's nuclear weapons — even if only one or two were launched accidentally or exploded due to faulty maintenance - cannot be seen right now on television.

We dimly recall the images of the Chernobyl disaster, even though bundreds of square miles are still uninhabitable in its aftermath and the number of Chernobyl-related cancer cases continues to grow. We are dim-ly aware of the fact that numerous Chernobyl-type nuclear reactors remain in operation today in the former U.S.S.R. and in Eastern Europe.

The threat of a massive nuclear attack against the United States is at an all-time low. But the threat of an unauthorized launch or nuclear acci-dent may have increased, in part because one nuclear superpower has been replaced by four successor countries with strategic nuclear weapons on their respective territories. And each of these countries corrently faces severe internal economic. political and ethnic strains that hardy contribute to reliable centralized control over nuclear weapons or to the safety of nuclear reactors.

This is far more than a theoretical danger. Senior Russian military officials told us in Moscow last month that they were deeply concerned over the safety of, and central control over, strategic nuclear weapons de-ployed in Ukraine.

Senior Ukrainian officials told us in Kiev of their determination to establish "administrative control" over these weapons to ensure that they were not launched by Russian com-mand from Ukrainian soil and to protect for Ukraine the potential negotiating and deterrent value that these weapons embodied. The other two new "nuclear" coun-

tries of Belarus and Kazakhstan are following these developments intent-ly. Neither they nor Ukraine have yet adhered to the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty as "non-nuclear states," which they formally pledged to do in Lisbon last May.

No less ominous is the related danger of proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, nuclear technology and materials, and nuclear knowbow. History has never before witnessed scientists, technicians and military personnel, highly skilled in building and operating nuclear weapons, who must worry daily about finding food and housing for themselves and their families.

To our credit, we have made the provision of humanitarian aid to Somalia and Bosnia a national commitment. At our peril, we have not given the unstable and potentially threatening situation in the former Soviet

Union the high priority it demands.
The United States mobilized the world and conducted the largest fund-raiser in history to save Kuwait; we have been unacceptably passive in addressing the most important national security issue of our time.

in China last Friday that he and Mr. Bush could sign a START-2 accord in January. Hopes for a break-through had fallen earlier in the week when Ukraine

decided to postpone until next year ratification of the START-1 treaty, which begins the process of deep reductions in U.S. and ex-Soviet strategic arms. Mr. Lugar called the Ukrainian move "ex-tremely disappointing," since START-2 and many of the Num-Lugar expressed cannot no feward

of the Nunn-Lugar proposals cannot go forward until Ukraine ratifies START-1.

the key to keeping the Nunn-Lugar laser-like ap-proach on track, the next administration should

consider beaming the czar up.

The Washington Post.

The Bush administration has been commendably active in utilizing some of the antborities and funding given it by Congress, in providing bumanitarian and technical assistance, and in establishing diplomat. ic missions in the new countries of this important region.

Nevertheless, what is now required, and in our judgment required urgently, is (1) an overall strategy that integrates all aspects of our policy toward the former Soviet Union and (2) careful, Washington-based management of this strategy so that the United States can respond with maximum effect to the historic opportunities afforded us by the col-lapse of the U.S.S.R., while minimizing the nuclear and associated risks that accompany this collapse. Our specific recommendations in-

clude the following. There must be no recess, no time out in formulating and implementing a national strategy regarding Russia and the other new countries that have emerged from the Soviet Union. This is an awkward time for the United States, with the outgoing president concerned not to infringe on the prerogatives of the incoming president. and the president-elect anxious not to take policy initiatives before he is sworn in. At the same time, this is a uniquely dangerous moment for the peoples of the former Soviet Union

and the rest of the world.

All aspects of our policy for this part of the world should be organized under one high-level coordinator, re-porting to the secretary of state and the president, who is responsible for the overall effort and can cut across departmental lines, who works closely with the U.S. business community and who has no other substantive responsi-bilities. This should be an early priority for the Clinton administration.

Our prime goal must be the prompt, safe dismantling and destruction of strategic nuclear weapons. Ukraine and Belarus have yet to ratify START-1; neither they nor Kazakhstan have adhered to the Nonproliferation Treaty as non-nuclear states. We should urge them to take these actions with-

out further delay.
Once START is ratified by all parties and enters into force, we should endeavor to accelerate the pace at which nuclear warheads on missiles covered under START-1 are removed. There is no reason why we should continue to aim thousands of warheads at each other while the sevenyear period provided in START-1 for

finalization and signature of a START-2 treaty between Russia and the United States before the Bush ad-ministration leaves office. Secretary of State Lawrence Eagleburger and For-eign Minister Kozyrev failed to complete this negotiation in Stockholm, and more recent contacts between Presidents Bush and Yeltsin have not resolved the matter, but four more weeks are available before the Bush

administration leaves office, Our next priority should be to assist economic stabilization and reform, above all by government-toovernment cooperation to imp the investment climate for U.S. private investment in the economies of these countries. After Jan. 20, President Bill Clinton should deliver a simple but crucial message to our private sector: Investment in the former Soviet Union, particularly in energy, defense conversion and housing, is important now for our national se

years for our country's economy.

We should also assist the building of democratic institutions and practices, such as civilian control over the military. We should help institute systems for export control and accountability of nuclear and other sen-

Using our moral authority and

We need in particular to address housing needs in Russia as a pivotal means of facilitating the withdrawal of Russian troops from newly independent countries. And we should better utilize our embassies and con-

lions of dollars defending against the military threat posed by the former Soviet Union. This threat has also preoccupied our friends in Europe and in Asia. We and they now have a unique opportunity: For a comparatively modest investment over several years are not below. over several years, we can help en-sure that our children and grandchildren will not be confronted by a similar threat from the territory of the former Soviet Union.

In the short time since the story broke about the State Department's pre-election search through Bill Clinton's passport files, the scope of the potential wrongdoing bas escalated in deed and rank. First it was overzealous bureaucrats who had put things off track. Then the State Department's inspector general lonked into the matter and reported that the most senior bad apples had tried to use the department's records Genova, President George Bush's assistant for political affairs, Janet Mullins, is to be

It is important to note that Mrs. Mullins has not been formally charged with any crime. But the inquiry now under way into possible criminality on her part or by others has not been triggered by frivolous or farfetched evidence, according to Attorney General William Barr, who asked the court

# Distinguished Journalist

Dusko Doder, now a free-lancer in Eu- press but officials in American intelligence rope, was Moscow correspondent of The Washington Post in the crucial period of 1981-1985. The late-Stalinist political cul-ture represented by Leonid Brezhnev was elements that were finally to emerge in the person of Mikhail Gorbachev. It took a special kind of journalist not just to keep the old players straight but to get a feel for the still discreet but ever bolder forces of impatience and change operating within the official appara-tus. Mr. Doder had that feel. He had the background, the intuition and the access to explore a process that most others on the Kremlin beat, journalistic and official, knew only on the outside.

For his exquisite professional skills. Mr. Doder has now suffered a nasty smear. Time magazine reports that Vitali Yurchenko, the KGB colonel who defected in 1986 and later went back home, said he had beard that Mr. Doder tonk \$1,000 from the KGB. The story "cannot be proved," says Time. But it treats sympathetically the notion that Mr. Doder was being "fed infor-mation" by the KGB (some would call it reporting) and that be was a target of "a classic recruitment effort." "Did the KGB co-opt Doder?," asks Time. "Or was it the other way around?"

scooping not just his competitors in the

and diplomacy. In a typical episode, he reported accurately and over (presumably CIA-supported) State Department denials that the Soviet leader Yuri Andropov had died. He did so on the basis of street e dence (activity in certain buildings, somber music on the radio). But American officials spread the word that the KGB had tipped him off. Large swaths of the American bureaucracy, slow to grasp that Kremlin change was opening the way to new methods of political inquiry, found it easier to suggest that Mr. Doder was playing old-

style footsie with the KGB. Defector Yurchenko's bearsay account of a \$1,000 payment churned up the Doder affair. When the correspondent, back in Washington, was assigned to cover the in-telligence beat, an anxious FBI told The Washington Post of that account. The Post investigated and found nothing to it. The FBI also investigated, using, among its means, a sting operation, according to Time, and found no evidence that Mr. Doder had done anything improper or had any connection to the KGB.

This last is a crucial fact omitted by Time as it arrived at the story six years later and, without presenting a shred of new material, unfurled an unwarranted It seems that Mr. Doder was constantly attack on a distinguished journalist.

- THE WASHINGTON POST.

### Other Comment

#### Someone's Somali Quagmire

Somalia is not just a country in trouble. It has fallen apart. There are no national political institutions capable of taking advantage of the superficial peace that foreign troops can impose. Beyond the immediate food crisis, Somalia's problem is political. It needs a national government to replace the warring clans. George Bush knows that. He also knows that you cannot solve Somalia's political problems by military force. That is why the U.S. president was careful to define the problem in Somalia in narrow

military terms. The U.S. Marines were sent

in to create a secure environment in which

bumanitarian aid could be distributed. The United Nations secretary-general, Patros Butros Ghali, is pressing the United States to disarm the Somali gangs. He rightly argues that reduction in the number of weapons is a prerequisite to the eventual reconstruction of the country. Not surprisingly, Mr. Butros Ghali wants the United States to do as much of the difficult and dangerous work as possible before the UN peacekeeping troops take over. Unfortunately, it seems likely that the United States and other participants in Operation Restore Hope will give in to the pressure. Even more worrying are the signs that the president-elect, Bill Clinton, is considering a more ambitious and prolonged role for U.S. military forces.

Somalia will be a military quagmire for someone. Peacekeeping forces are usually put into countries after a peace agreement has been made between the warring parties. In Somalia there is no agreement on the future management of the country. There are instead rival clans and warlords armed with, among other things, heavy machine guns, tanks and armored troop carriers. Foreign troops can impose a rough peace while the United Nations patiently negotiates with the warlords to try to establish a more lasting solution But the prerequisite for lasting peace — the disarming of the rival clans — will be bloody and controversial, and it will be a long time before the foreign troops can leave.

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# America Is Scarcely Helping

By Jeffrey D. Sachs

CAMBRIDGE, Massachusetts — A Washington Post editorial (IHT, Dec. 5) claimed that Russia has received \$23.5 billion of the \$24 billion in aid that was promised in April. This is unfortunately incorrect and is based on faulty accounting by Busb administration officials intent on hiding a record of reckless neglect.

In fact, an accurate count shows that Russia has received only about \$10 billion in 1992 and that even this aid was overwhelmingly in the form of short-term commercial credits that will soon come due. There has been no real strategy or

program of Western assistance to support Russia's reforms, and the reformers have consequently been left in extreme peril from the political attacks of the hard-liners.

The editorial's reckoning starts with \$1 billion lent by the IMF but does not mention the incredible con-dition that the funds not be used in 1992. The World Bank has recently agreed to a \$600 million loan, but it is likely that only \$250 million or so will be used by the end of the year.

The editorial then reported that \$14 billion would come in other grants and loans from Western governments. As a matter of fact, only about \$8.5 billion of credits had come as of October, with another \$500 million in grants. Nearly \$1 billion of the credits actually constitutes a rescheduling of previous debts rather than a real inflow of new resources. Moreover, the credits have almost all been short-term (less than three years) and at market interest rates. Around \$2.5 billion will come due already next year (and will

be unpayable at that time). The Bush administration is also apparently trying to count \$2.5 billion of expenditures on Russian troop withdrawals even though the money is actually spent in Germany, was committed before 1992 and was never part of the \$24 billion aid package. The editorial credits the West with rescheduling Russia's debt. Unfortu-nately, this has not occurred. The Paris club of official creditors has so far failed to agree on a debt rescheduling this year. Many funds offered to Rus sia at the start of the year have since been blocked by the donor govern-

ments, because of the absence of a debt rescheduling. The best that the West has come up with are several three-month rollovers of debts, which have given no relief to Russia or to potential new donors and investors.

The editorial also states that the stabilization fund is "ready and waiting." Alas, if it were only true. The

Russian government argued for months with the international community about access to such a fund. Absurdly, it was told that the fund would not be available until Russia actually succeeded in stabilizing. There never was a sense of urgency or a strategy to the Western assistance. There was never an overall

design of the policy. There was no-body in charge of the U.S. govern-ment effort. There was no strategy for using assistance to bolster the re-forms. The \$7.5 billion or so of trade credits were not coordinated or made conditional on actual reforms. If Russian reforms fail, the Bush administration's neglect will cortainly rank among the greatest failures of American foreign policy. On the other hand, if the reformers are

tration will face an urgent need and opportunity to get a real assistance program under way. The writer, a professor of economics at Harvard University and an economic adviser to the Russian government,

contributed this comment to The

Washington Post.

able to survive the political test in Moscow, the new Clinton adminis-

who have profited from their control of assets while the rest of the population suffers from a galloping inflation tary Fund that this program would enlist IMF financial support and en-courage aid from Washington and other Western governments. They called those who opposed their program "hard-line conservatives" and

survives mainly by selling their few possessions in street markets. The rapid growth of crime and delinquency and of a "mafioso" class that obtains protection fees and bobes government officials.

of almost 2,000 percent a year and

Mr. Gaidar and his team ported by foreign advisers like Jeffrey Sachs of Harvard — ascribe these adverse developments to the actions of "the military-industrial complex" in encouraging an imbalance in the state budget when Mr. Yeltsin paid workers the wages due to them in some of the large industrial enterprises. This shift of responsibility is preposterously unfair. It was Mr. Gaidar's policy of ending price controls as a first step in the reform, while restricting the money supply. that brought Russia to its present

state of chaotic impoverishment. This Gaidar program was a delib-crate strategy. He believed that a period of suffering was needed to shock the country into a new "free market

former Communists.

In fact, the opposition consisted of an aroused citizenry unwilling to ac-cept years of economic hardship and aployment as a means of achieving a free market nirvana. This citizen-ry was represented by the Civie Union, which wanted reform and a market system but believed it could best be brought about gradually and without the trauma of increasing misery.

The opposition movement now as-

cendant in Russia is led in parliament by Arkadi Volsky, head of the Union of Industrialists and Entrepreneurs. bas the support not only of the democratically elected vice president of Russia, Alexander Rutskoi, but also of most of Russia's leading economic scientists, the trade unions, and Mikhail Gorbachev as well.

These democratic forces are also motivated by the conviction that the Gaidar-IMF privatization program is - as Mr. Gorbachev has termed it -"sham." The vouchers distributed permitting the purchase of shares are being bought up by the mariosi, who will then control the enterprises. Ownership will not be widely dispersed among many small owners or workers in the enterprises or the enterprise managers. The danger is that these racketeers will break up the enterprises and sell off the assets

while dispatching the workers unemployed to the labor market.

What kind of economic program should now be adopted? The new prime minister, in a television interview has set the transit throw interview. view, has set the tone in these words: "Our country should not be turned into a country of street peddlers. I am for the market economy but not for the bazaar. I'm for a real market." The first need is to obtain popular

democratic support for econor form by assuming the people that the distribution of gains and losses dur-ing the transition will be equitable. This can be done only through a policy of "gradualism" — gradual decontrol of prices, which protects purchasing power for consumer goods; gradual removal of govern-mental subsidies; gradual reduction of the deficit through tax increases and cuts in military (but not in social welfare) expenditures; gradual in-crease in investment in industry and

environmental improvements. As Thomas Weisskopf of the University of Michigan has written in a brilliant article to be published in the next issue of the economic affairs magazine Challenge: "It is true that one cannot leap over a chasm in two jumps, but it is surely better to take the time to build a bridge across it rather than to take one leap into the abyss."

A major effort needs to be made as a first priority to reduce skyrocketing inflation. This objective can be attained only by a conversion of the existing ruble into a new ruble. This should be done in such a way as to limit the amounts that can be exchanged by any one individual, thus

Welcome This Change and Support Chernomyrdin depriving the newly rich profiteers of

> In postwar Germany such a monetary conversion eliminated inflation and provided a basis for bealthy recovery. There is good reason to believe it could do the same in Russia.

A second measure for recovery would be a new privatization program - applied also to land - whereby control of enterprises would remain with the workers and managers and not pass to outside speculators. The presidency of Bill Clinton

should bring a new policy toward Russian efforts to achieve a market economy. What is needed more than financial help or efforts to make the ruble convertible soon is declared support for the Chernomyrdin government in policies aimed at a gradual transition from a command to a freer, more bumane economy.

The Clinton administration should make clear that it has no objection if democratic political change in Russia produces a viable alternative to shock therapy, and that aid from the United States will be forthcoming if Russia applies democratic methods of government and democratic reforms.

This also means using the influence of the U.S. government over the IMF to change the reactionary policies that that agency has been following — policies which run the risk of encouraging a return to power of na-tionalist and militarist forces.

Unless such support is given to the Civic Union program, the danger is great that the groups united in the recently formed National Salvation Front will take over power from Mr. Yeltsin. This front espouses extreme anti-Western doctrines. It would be no less threatening to world peace than was the deceased Communist regime. Such an outcome could scutle the Clinton administration's ambitious plans for reform and revitalization of the American economy.

The writer, a former director of the UN Economic Commission for Europe, contributed this comment to the International Herald Tribune

### IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1892: Cleveland Flees

NEW YORK - Mr. Cleveland left town to-day [Nov. 22] on a fortnight's holiday, to escape from the office-seekers who daily invade his residence. He states that if on his return he is annoyed and pestered as he has been since the election, he will close his town house and seek a quieter place, in which he will spend the winter.

1917: More Men Needed

WASHINGTON - Two conscientious objectors who resisted being en-rolled in the Army, hoping that their tender conscience would save them from military service, have been sentenced to ten years imprisonment in a military prison. In confirming the sen-tence, Major-General Murray, com-manding the Western Department of the Army, announced that hereafter the same sentence would be imposed upon all conscientious objectors. The discipline of military prisons is more rigid than that of civil prisons, and the

knowledge of what is facing them will, it is believed, have an effect upon a good many objectionable consciences BOSTON — Ex-President Taft stated to-day [Dec. 22] that seven million men are needed in France from the United States. Two million will not do. The United States must either beat Germany now, or arm themselves as Germany has done for fifty years.

1942: Everybody Knew

LONDON - From our New York LONDON — [From our New York edition:] Every man in General Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's British 8th Army was informed of the plans for routing the Axis at Alamein before the battle began and consequently was confident of victory, a British officer back from the desert disclosed today [Dec. 23]. He said he believed it was the first time the personnel of any the first time the personnel of any army had been told the complete intentions of their commander. The officencions of their commander. cer said Monigomery detailed his plans and ordered that the informa-tion be relayed throughout the army.

While trying to manage their own futures as well as those of Somalia and Bosnia, the Bush team will now have to woo, coerce or otherwise move Ukraine back onto a disarmament track. These developments underscore one of the central points Mr. Numa and Mr. Lugar made to Mr. Bush, and indirectly to Mr. Clinton, in the reports on their trip.

They strongly recommend that a "single high-level coordinator" be appointed by the president to handle the complex security, economic and political problems arising from the collapse of the Soviet Union. That, they feel, is an essential step to "devel-oping a U.S. strategy for dealing with the former Soviet Union instead of doing everything ad loc." Adding another bureaucratic layer in crisis management is normally both the easiest and the worst possible proposal. But Mr. Nunn and Mr. Lugar have earned enormous credibility by focusing on this problem. If an American czar for Russia et al is

reducing weapons runs its course.

We should continue to press for

curity and will be important in coming

sitive materials and technologies.

our good offices as well as traditional forms of assistance, we should do all we appropriately can to assist in easing the etbnic tensions that plague this region and in resolving the ethnic conflicts that bave already erupted there.

sulates in the region. Our posts need to be better staffed, better equipped, more closely listened to by Washington and better informed about Washington's policies. The United States has spent tril-

The Washington Post.

#### **OPINION**

# **Clinton Should Tell Arabs** To Call Off the Holy Hate

By A. M. Rosenthal

N EW YORK — Across the Middle East, Arab states are profoundly moved by the kind of Muslim militant fundamentalists deported by Israel. They are moved to terror and loathing. If they had the self-confidence, these Arab states would round up their own fundamental-ists. They would not only deport them but introduce them to those other common instruments of Middle Eastern law enforcement - torture and execution. However throbbingly their UN spokesmen proclaim brotherhood with

#### ON MY MIND

the militants of Palestinian Harnes, most Arab states would now like to see them and their Middle Eastern comrades in hell. These governments understand that hell. These governments understand that
they are on the Holy Warriors' list for
destruction. They blame Iran and Sudan
for financing and arming the fundamentalist commandos in various Arab states,
using Lebanon as a launch pad. Without
Syrian agreement, that could not happen.
Certainly. But the armed fundamentalism that now terrifies them was creat-

ed by the Arab governments, almost all of them. Their nature of government created the condition for revolt — tyran-oy, and exploitation of the people. In the name of Islam, fundamentalists seized the opportunity for revolution.

the opportunity for revolution.

But the Arab states themselves had fired and kept refueling the Holy War against Israel, the emotional missile that carried the militants' power. In 1948, they rejected the UN partition that would have given Palestinians a homeland. They led war after war to exterminate Israel. When that failed, Arab regimes organized and financed a worldwide hate campaign and financed a worldwide bate campaign against Israel and Jews that has lasted for decades. In the East and in Africa, mil-lions who had hardly heard of Israel and

Jews now see them as their enemies. But the greatest success of the Arab hate campaign is in the West, where it has been tacitly accepted as permissible and understandable. Presidents and prime ministers talk solemnly about how many miles Israel must give up, which cannot bring peace. They never

ask that Arabs first give up Holy War, Holy Hate, Holy Embargo, Holy Laws against Unholy Jews, the weapons that have made peace impossible. Sometimes even Israelis wearily accept the unacceptable as unchangeable.

Yitzhak Rabin and the Labor coahtion seized what they saw as the opportunity for peace. But they made a mis-take. They did not insist that the world understand the risks. Iran is building puclear capacity. Saddam Hussein grows in power. Syria scours the missile market. Sudan and Lihya hunt for terrorist targets. And throughout the Middle East, burgeoning militant movements like Hamas do not light for this mile or that hill. They fight, as the Hamas covenant puts it, to "obliterate" Israel. Yes, obliterate, if

it takes the last Jew. Mr. Rabin did not prepare the world for the necessity of his decision to decapitate Hamas, through 1,600 arrests including 415 deportations. He did not make sure that the Hamas members could in fact physically be deported if Lebanon did not accept them. He is a brave leader,

tid not accept them. He is a brave leader, but sometimes he shares with his predecessor a talent for putting himself and Israel in the worst posture possible.

Labor leftists now propose building up the Palestine Liberation Organization, which itself was created in a covenant sworn to Israel's destruction. But as long as Holy War against Israel is accepted as virtue in Islam, by definition

accepted as virtue in Islam, by definition there can be no peace between Arab and Jew except a pause between wars.

Accepting this reality need not mean the end of peace efforts. It could be the real beginning. Bill Clinton could be the first president to speak full and plain truth about the Middle East. He could be the president to say that for peace. A say the president to say that for peace, Arab governments must first call off Holy Hate totally and publicly. They must tell their people that Israel is equal to rights and permanence to any Middle Eastern state.

—now, not some maybe tomorrow.

If the Clinton administration speaks and pursues this truth, there can be peace between the armies of Arab and Israeli, and their souls.

The New York Times.



### Transition in the Lavatory: How to Make a Clean Start

By Hunter Kome

RALEIGH, North Carolina — Of course it is crucial to the survival of natious that power change hands smoothly. So you will be pleased to hear that in North Carolina a legislative committee was having a ferocious debate the other day over the use of paper towels in state lavatories.

The foes of overregulation were defending the ramparts of liberty, pushing back the forces that would make state

#### MEANWHILE

employees and visitors alike dry their hands on pothing but cloth towels. Not satisfied to wait timidly for public opinion polls or word from the governor or president, this committee was hard at work, carrying on the vital cloth vs. paper towel debate. "I despise those cloth towels," a legis-lator thundered in a stormy moment.

Thus, imposition of a uniform and

open competition and antitrust policy

on the entire Community is not going to be a simple matter. Considerable thought is owed to the problem, and

dealing with it should perhaps be a gradual process. Sir Leon's method of operation, which is full-speed-ahead to

The panel covered all the puances, even tackling the tricky question of hot-air dryers. Finally, it decided 100 percent recycled and recyclable paper towels pro-vide a needed market for recycled paper and that cloth towels jam, fall off their rollers, get soaking wet and are at best uppleasant and at worst a serious enough nuisance to provoke the use of firearms.

Not content to rest there, the committee moved on to the equally treacherous subject of garbage trucks. The waste disposal lobby was asking for a law to allow garbage truck drivers to park their rigs anywhere they darn well please on the state's roads. This matter became of crucial importance recently, it seems, be-cause a police officer had given a ticket to a garbage truck driver for parking on the road while he picked up a load of trash.

Since the tale about the parking nicket came from the garbage lobbyist it might be a bit suspect. And no one asked if the driver had perhaps left the truck parked in the middle of the road for several hours while he, say, played a round of golf.

Some committee members said they could support a bill on the matter if it restricted the trucks to the right-hand side of the road. Others suggested it might not be such a good idea for the state to give carte blanche to garbage truck drivers to create traffic jams, around-the-curve, over-the-hill hazards and mayhem in general. The ignoble surbage truck the comeral. The ignoble garbage truck, the committee agreed, should not have quite the same rights as a school bus.

This particular panel, known affectionately as the solid waste committee, is just one of dozens hard at work during these weeks of transition. It considered about 20 proposals in one day to protect the environment and reduce waste, almost all of which would increase state spending, raise taxes or increase the cost of goods and services. And that's just one committee. So pever fear. North Carolina has survived the election. With any luck, so has our sense of humor.

The writer is chief of the Raleigh Bu-reau of the New York Times Regional

#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Democracy and Peace

In the Middle East, all parties per-ceive themselves as victimized. Israelis and Arabs have justifiable claims, and it is not conducive to peace to lay the blame exclusively on one side or the other. A better understanding of the profound problems, often exacerbated by distorted perceptions, is still vital.
Without the democratization of the
Arab world, however, no radically changed image of the Israelis will ever be created; Arab peoples will always be vulnerable to demagogic propaganda and, consequently, never open to new

The argument for the democratization of the Arab world is not a deviation from the peace issue. Given the wealth of the Arab world, and the special bonds between its nations, democracy will improve Arab peoples' lives. This will undoubtedly undermine fundamentalism.

Some have argued that attempts at

democratization in the Arab world have not been successful, and bave therefore questioned why it would not be possible to make peace with authori-tarian Arab regimes. The pitfalls of this

tarian Arab regimes. The pitfalls of this argument are manifold.

The fickleness of these regimes has long been recognized. Additionally, if they cannot give peace to their own peoples, how they can be expected to bring peace to the region? Moreover, the vexted question of how truly these regimes represent Arab peoples has still to be addressed. So has the question of be addressed. So has the question of whether posterity will uphold the "com-mitments" of authoritarian regimes.

The freedom of the Arab peoples within democratic societies is the bulwark for a comprehensive settlement in the region. Only through their enlight-ened choice and commitment can genu-

LU'AYY M. RIMAWI.

In response to "Smaller Is Better for Britain" (Business/Finance, Dec. 9):

This report states that there is doubt whether Britain "will still be in charge of competition policy in the new [EC] Com-mission which takes power next year" because Sir Leon Brittan, the European Community's competition commissioner, "is known to want to get his hands on the external-trade job and could relinquish competition if he gets his way."

In some quarters, there is a hope that Sir Leon will relinquish his current job. Although many EC nations, notably Britain, have strong free market histories, other member states have deeply rooted traditions both of beavy state economic intervention and deeply toter-woven private-sector capital combinations. The totally open, free marketplace is not going to be a European reality in the immediate future.

the free market paradise (with as much Brittan publicity as possible generated in the process), is a much too ambitious and unsophisticated method for accomplishing a complex process. RICHARD M. HELLER, Monte Carlo. Letters intended for publication should be addressed "Letters to the

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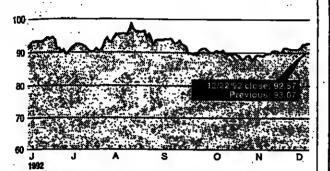
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#### MEDIA MARKETS

#### TV Ads Boom in Russia **But Viewers Don't Get It**

By Stephanie Simon Los Angeles Times Service

OSCOW -A sleek gray car -nothing like the clunky Ladas most Russians drive — glides along a gently curving road. As the car passes a misty forest, a St. Bernard bounds up to greet it. A solemn voice intones, "When the fog dissolves ... television screen; "Inkoros." and then a name flashes on the

Huh? A dog and a car? "When the fog dissolves?" Inkoros? What's all this supposed to mean? Apparently, not much. After all, it's only a commercial -

Long denounced by the Great Soviet Encyclopedia as "a means of swindling the people" and "a social weapon of the exploiters' class," advertising has vital business tool. And television is the hottest forum.

Most ads are 'egodriven,' says Bruce arrived in capitalist Russia as a Macdonald of BBDO.

But to Western eyes, the 30-second spots that flash on Russian TV look bizarre. No perky housewives, no squeezably soft toilet paper. In fact, viewers often can't even tell what's being sold. Instead of peddling consumer goods, most TV spots here promote businesses themselves, from stock exchanges to radiator factories, mini-breweries and holding companies. In Western ad

lingo, the goal here is shaping the corporate image — getting a company's name known — rather than "product recognition."

"Much of Russian advertising is ego-driven," said Bruce Macdonald, director of operations in the former Soviet Union for BBDO Marketing, "What are these stock exchanges and commodition of the stock of the st ities markets doing on television? Are they trying to attract new customers? To get a competitive edge? If so, you wouldn't know it from their ads — it seems they just want to get their names, addresses and phone numbers on the screen."

Announcing the cut, the Bank of Italy made clear the slowing of Eu-Inkoros, the company Russian viewers now associate with a gray car and a St. Bernard, is an example. Its spot gives no hint that inkoros offers financial services and no tips on how to get in touch with it — a problem in a country with no telephone directories. Although ads like this are oblique, they may be good enough for Russian companies. For example, unlike American banks, which

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# Those Generous Tax Cuts Weren't

By Richard W. Stevenson
New York Times Service

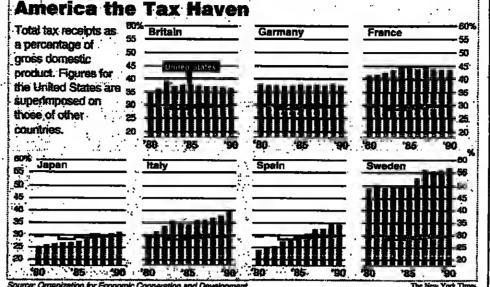
LONDON - When Margaret Thatcher became prime minister in 1979, the top personal income tax rate was 83 percent, a level that she said sapped incentives to work harder and create more wealth. In a policy shift foreshadowing similar though less drastic moves across the Atlantic, Britain drove down the top rate over several years to 40 percent, where it remains today.

But reductions for people in the

middle-income brackets were considerably less, and for all taxpayers, loopholes were tightened or eliminated. And as income-tax rates fell, the government was raising other taxes, most notably the value-added tax, a form of sales tax on goods at the retail, wholesale and producer levels. That levy, which stood at 8 percent in 1979, is now 17.5 percent.

The result: a continued in-crease in overall taxation even during the heyday of a tax-cutter as fervent as Mrs. Thatcher. As the world's other major industrial democracies have strug-gled to find tax policies that balance deficit reduction, economic stimulus, pork-barrel politics and social-welfare concerns, much the

same pattern has held true. "The public image of what's happened in many countries is that there have been reasonably significant and in some cases dramatic reductions in tax rates," in economics at the London



Leape said, the amount of taxes people pay has not changed much. In some cases, it has actu-

In most countries, public resistance to higher or new taxes has been relatively muted, particular-ly in comparison with the United States, where the political sensitivity to raising taxes in any form has remained extremely high.

U.S. taxpayers continue to pay less on a relative basis than their counterparts in almost any other industrial country. And while nanons from Spain to Japan have School of Economics, But, Mr. significantly expanded their use

of consumption taxes such as a fluent taxpayers — economists value-added tax or levies on spe- said the incoming administration cifie products like gasoline, the United States has remained largely dependent on levies on income and profits.

Economists say the rising tax burdens in many nations have helped rein in deficits over the last decade. In the United States, by con-

trast, the federal budget deficit has continued widening. And although consumption taxes such as a value-added tax have problems — they risk putting a higher proportional burden on less af-

of President-elect Bill Clinton might have no choice but to con-sider them if it was serious about reducing the deficit.

There is hardly any way Clin-ton can achieve his targets for deficit reduction unless he goes with a VAT or a broad-based energy tax," said Gary Hufbauer, a senior fellow at the Institute for International Economies in Washington.

Among the 24 industrial na-See TAXES, Page 13

# Now It's Official: U.S. Has Grown **Out of Recession**

By Robert D. Hershey Jr. New York Times Service

States ended in March 1991, even \$8.8 billion estimated in November. earlier than the Bush administration and most private economists had thought, the committee of academics that officially dates business cycles determined Tuesday.

The National Bureau of Econom-

ie Research acted after examining the Commerce Department's final estimate of gross domestic product for the July-September quarter, now seen as climbing at a 3.4 percent annual pace. This meant that output of goods and services within American borders had regained its levels before the recession, which began in

July 1990.
While GDP is only one of several factors governing the designation of economic expansions and contractions, the bureau's seven-man business-cycle committee did not want to formally call the recession over until it was certain this summer's rise would stick.

The Department first estimated in late October that third-quarter GDP had advanced at a 2.7 percent pace, stronger than had been expected. This gain was revised upward to 3.9 percent last month be-fore being recalculated again Tuesday to 3.4 percent, still the best showing in almost four years.

The biggest factor in the latest revision was smaller additions to WASHINGTON — The ninth nonfarm inventories — a \$3.6 bil-postwar recession in the United lion rate of increase instead of the

This was considered a somewhat favorable development since it means that fresh demand for goods will more quickly translate into the need for new production.

partment also reported Tuesday that American businesses planned to increase spending on new plant and equipment by 5.3 percent in 1993, compared with a 3.6 percent increase this year. increase this year.

Since prices are expected to decline for these goods, plant and equipment spending in inflation-adjusted terms would be 7.6 perand the best performance, if achieved, since 1989.

As a whole, Tuesday's figures were taken as additional evidence that recovery has now conclusively become expansion, albeit one that remains less vigorous than is typical, particularly in the creation of jobs. "It is very clear the economy is

up a notch" since midyear, said Bernard M. Markstein 3d, senior economist for Meridian Bancorp in Reading, Pennsylvania. This is definitely the expansion path we've been talking about."
The GDP report produced no

significant surprises, analysts said, though the National Bureau of Economic Research's decision to formally pinpoint March as the end of the recession, a footnote to economic history, did raise some eyebrows. Most analysts have been assuming the pick would be either April or May.

The committee's decision meant that the recession lasted just eight months and that it was confined to the three quarters during which there was a fall in gross national product, the national economic measure then in use. These were the summer and fall of 1990 and the January-March quarter that

Since then, the U.S. economy has posted seven straight quarters, in-cluding the one ending next week; of generally subpar growth.

dismissed the notion that a pre-election determination of an official end to the recession would have made any significant impact on President George Bush's chance of winning.
"I don't think estimates of the

economy do anything to make peo-ple change their votes," said R. David Ranson, president of H.C. Wainwright & Co. Economics in Boston. The real problem, be added was that "Bush produced no jobs."
The GDP report on Tuesday showed that in addition to the

smaller inventory increase, there was a \$2.9 billion downward revision in net exports, partly offset by-increases of \$1.6 billion in business fixed investment and of \$1.1 billion in federal purchases.

# **Japan Executives Talk Tough on Trade**

New York Times Service

TOKYO -- In a blunt warning to Presidentelect Bill Clinton of the United States, a panel of Japanese business leaders urged Tuesday that Japan adopt "necessary and appropriate emergency response measures" to deter unilateral U.S. actions to resolve trade disputes.

In a report commissioned by Japan's foreign minister, the business leaders did not describe the measures they had in mind. But they were widely interpreted as calling for laws that would enable Japan to place high tariffs on, or block entry of U.S. or European goods to retali-ate for similar actions against Japanese exports.

The findings were released at a time when Japanese officials and business executives are critical of the newly signed North American Free Trade Agreement and concerned Mr. Clinton would use tax and trade laws to impede Japanese companies operating in the United States. The study said "there is a growing amount of frustration lingering just below the surface in Japan and in other nations of the world" about what it termed "self-centered thinking" in the United States about trade.

The report, based on a study begun in the spring, was timed for release soon after the U.S. elections. People involved in its writing said that it was intended to set an agenda for both countries for the next four years, no matter who

"It's a much harder line," said Kenneth S. Courtis, senior economist at Deutsche Bank Capital Markets (Asia). "If you go back to the

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MILAN — The Bank of Italy

surprised investors with an aggres-

sive interest-rate cut on Tuesday,

and European stock markets

bounded higher on hopes that a

German easing was on the horizon. The Bank of Italy cut its discount

rate to 12 percent from 13 percent

and lowered its Lombard rate on

fixed-term advances to 13 percent

from 14 percent. A half-point cut in the Lombard rate had been expect-

ed, but the larger reduction and the

one-point trimming of the discount

rate went beyond the predictions.

ropean economies and the threat

confirm the deepening of the recessionary phenomenon which is in-

vesting all European countries. Un-

that posed to jobs was one of the factors making the easing necessary:
"The most recent economic data transition in 1988, they were not talking this way. It is an effort to lay out early what the

issues are going to be."
The report offered specific proposals, including the creation of a dispute-resolution panel that would "solve specific trade and economie issues in a more objective and fair manner."

Clearly the most controversial step advocated was adoption of emergency powers to enable Japan to fight back if, for example, the United

A study described the United States in terms most Japanese use only in private.

States used the so-called Super 301 provision of the Omnibus Trade Act of 1988. Under that law, the United States can declare a foreign market is closed to certain products and take retaliatory actions, such as imposing tariffs. The report also called for jettisoning a major American economic initiative with Japan, a broad effort to restructure both nations' economics to solve the underlying problems that trigger disputes between them. Contending that

Japan has changed rapidly while the United

States has failed to live up to commitments to

reduce its budget deficit, improve savings and

eliminate its own trade barriers, the business

Italian Easing Sets a Rate-Cut Mood for Europe

heartened by the rate cut, and the

MIB index jumped to 860 from 847.

Meanwhile, hopes for a German interest-rate cut bolstered European

stocks. Investors were reacting to a

newspaper interview in which Hel-

mut Schlesinger, the Bundesbank president, said German capital-mar-

ket interest rates could fall below 6

percent over the long term from the

current level of about 7.25 percent.

est rates, the dollar strengthened against the major European curren-

cies. Because of this, the European

component of the the International

Herald Tribune World Stock Index,

With the outlook for lower inter-

employment is on the increase, and forecasts for demand remain weak."

liamentary passage of a deficit-cut-ting budget for 1993.

the government would be looking

after the economy in 1993 and not

worrying about getting the lira back

The dollar rose on the outlook for

into the European Monetary Sys-

tem's exchange-rate mechanism. The mark rose to 895 lire in late

Milan trading, from 887 Monday.

Ltd. in London, said the aggressive move was a sign the Bank of Italy

priority was to ward off recession:
"They are going into a recession in Italy and they need to cut rates. It's as simple as that."

George Pilla, an analyst at IDEA

European rate cuts, Page 12.

The central bank acted after par-

Analysts said the rate cut meant

nated by direct, unabashed defenses of many

leaders said "while the process has been re-ferred to as a working two-way approach, in

fact it has been quite one-way,"

The survey of economic relations was domi-

Japanese economic practices. For example, discussing the tight relationships between Japanese corporate groups, called keiretsu, the report suggested the United States had failed to learn key lessons about the merits of doing business the Japanese way, "In particular, the Japanese practice of treating workers as colleagues, rather than treating them mechanically as the elements and means of production, is clearly a more human form of capitalism," it said.

Though at times critical of Japan as well saying the country's business practices must be-come more transparent and the government must stop shirking global initiatives — the study described the United States in terms that most Japanese use only in private. The authors were particularly critical of U.S. calls for a "results-oriented" trade policy that would measure success with Japan by the reduction of America's trade deficit or its sales of specific products.

Though no government officials served on the panel, it was headed by Yoshio Okawara, a former ambassador to the United States and advisor to the Keidanren, Japan's most powerful business group. Its members included several of Japan's most politically influential business figures, including Koichiro Ejiri, chairman of Mitsui & Co.; Minora Makihara, president of Mitsubishi Corp.; Akio Morita, chairman of Sony Corp. and executives of other companies.

terms, slipped 0.43 percent, to 92.62.

Among the major stock markets, Paris had the best gain, with the

CAC-40 index rising 2.13 percent,

to 1,824.37. Analysts said there was

a growing conviction that French

interest rates, which have been kept

high to protect the frane's value

against the mark, would be re-

duced, either through a French de-

In London, the Financial Times

Stock Exchange 100-share index quickly eclipsed Monday's record

close with a gain of 34.3 points, to

2,842.0 points. Improving economic prospects were behind the advance.

(Bloomberg, Renters)

valuation or a German easing.

# Mines Will Be Closed

U.K. Says

LONDON — The government refused Tuesday to reopen 10 coal mines despite a High Court ruling that ministers had acted illegally in earnships the site for cloure marking the pits for closure.

Lawyers and opposition politicians argued that Trade and Industry Secretary Michael Heseltine was in danger of being in contempt of court. "It is a total disgrace that this government can carry on

acting unlawfully and appearon televisi ing givin the impression they are going lo abide by the law," said Dennis Skinner, Labor Party mem-ber of parliament But Mr. Heseltine said in a

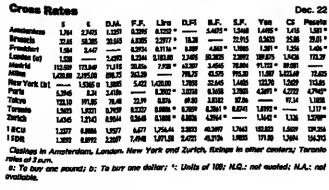
radio interview that the court ruling did not mean miners could return to work at the 10 pits, which are slated to be closed after a 90-day review. . "What the court was con-cerned about was the independence of the consultation process that is under way," he said.

 Prequalification Of Contractors Nigarian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) and Mobil Producing Nigeria are planning the construction of a Natural Gas Liquid (NGL) Facility at Bonny, River States, Nigeria. This will include an onshore process plant, offshore structures, marine/land pipelines and River Product Terminal The Engineering / Procurement / Construction contract will be released for bidding to prequalified contractors during that second quarter of 1993 with the work achaduled to commence

NGL Recovery Project - Nigeria

Contractors interested in prequalifying to bid for the EPC work can obtain prequalification documents by applying by letter to Mobil Producing Nigaria, P.O. Box 5014, Sugar Land. TX 77478-5014 or Fax (713) 263-5261. The documents will be available by January 2, 1993 and the deadlines for submission of the prequalification information with all supporting material la January 31, 1992.

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# **Blue-Chips Boosted** By IBM and Bonds

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches NEW YORK - A sharp rise in bond prices and a recovery io IBM helped blue-chip stocks to a modest gain Tuesday, despite weakness in the broader market.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 8.64 points, to 3,321.10. But the over-the-counter market slid, with

#### N.Y. Stocks

the Nasdaq index down 1.62 points. to 660.84, and the New York Stock Exchange index eased 0.04 of a point, to 241.68. Advancing issues on the Big Board, however, edged out declines by a 10-to-9 ratio, while volume rose to 249.67 million shares from 224.68 million traded Monday.

There was marked weakness in oil shares, which have risen about 4 percent this month. Traders said falling prices for crude oil and petroleum products was behind the drop. Bonds jumped, boosted by re-ports of alumping holiday retail sales. Johnson Redbook Service, a

retail-survey firm, said December sales were running at a pace 4.3 percent below November's. "The risk potential of getting a sharp acceleration in economic growth isn't there," said Michael Strauss, chief economist at Yamaichi International (America). "Retailers aren't going

to have the Christmas that retail analysts are betting on."
The bellwether 30-year Treasury

bond, which jumped 15/32 Monday, added 21/32, rising to 103 16/32. That cut its yield to 7.33 percent from 7.39 percent.

stocks that have been depressed," said Ricky Harringtoo at Marion Bass Securities. "IBM is a classic example."

stores, eliminating up to 5,000 jobs. In active over-the-counter trad-

Novell slipped 1/2 10 261/4. (Bloomberg, UPI, Reuters)

# **Hopes on German Rates** Spark a Rally in Dollar

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches NEW YORK — The dollar jumped 2 pfennig on Tuesday on renewed optimism about a decline in German interest rates next year. The dollar began rising after the Bundeshank president, Helmut

#### Foreign Exchange

Schlesinger, said he expected Western German inflation to fall to near a 3 percent rate oext year, which could drive long-term interest rates to less than 6 percent.

Any narrowing of the Deutsche mark's more than 5-point interestrate premium over the dollar would be expected to boost the dollar. Already, many analysts expect the dollar to rise next year as the U.S. economy streogthens and U.S. rates creen higher.

"The consensus seems to be for a stronger dollar next year, so people don't want to sell dollars oow," said Carol Callanan, assistant vice president at Crédit Lyonnais.

The dollar climbed to 1.5885

DM at the end of New York trading from 1.5685 on Monday, and to 123.70 yen from 123.00.

was weakened by comments from

Tucson Electric & Power paced the New York Stock Exchange ac-

tives, easing % to 2%.

1BM followed, up 3 to 51%. "As we near the end of the year, portfolio managers are looking for

Sears jumped 1½ to 44% on re-ports it planned to close 100 small

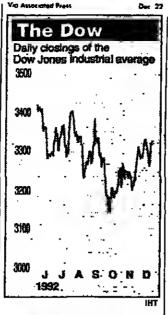
ing Sun Microsystems eased % to 31% following a block trade of 1.9 million shares. Sun did not return calls seeking comment, but analysts said the seller may have been moti-vated by concerns about this quarter's earnings and the prospect of more competition from Novell Inc. On Monday, Novell announced plans to huy Unix Systems Laboratories from American Telephone & Telegraph for \$350 million in stock.

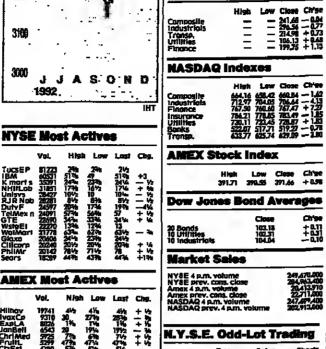
likely to fall further. A downward revision in U.S. third-quarter growth had little im-pact as the drop reflected reduced inventory accumulation while final sales growth remained strong.

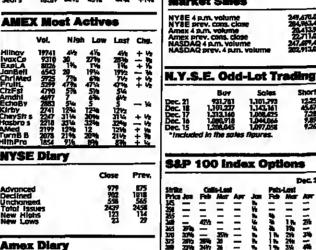
short-term Swiss interest rates were

The pound slid, although a widening of Britain's trade deficit was oot quite as bad as many analysts had feared. The pound dropped to 2.4407 DM from 2.4445 Monday, and to \$1.5365 from \$1,5585.

The dollar rose to 5,4220 French francs from 5.3610. The franc stayed in the 3.41-3.42 range against the mark. (Bloomberg, Reuters, AFP)











# French francs (\$28.97 billion) in 1990 francs, the

The approval had been expected, but it still represcats a boost for the French defense industry, which has been facing diminishing military spending around the world. Matra SA will make much of the weaponry. The state-owned Success will provide the engines and Thomson-CSF, which also is state controlled, is the

#### U.S./AT THE CLOSE Sears Is Expected to Shut 100 Stores CHICAGO (Combined Dispatches) - Sears. Roebuck & Co. plans to close as many as 125 smaller stores and cut as many as 5,000 jobs in a dramatic effort to revive its retail division, analysts said Tuesday.

Sears declined to confirm or deny speculation of possible cutbacks, which followed a report to the Chicago Tribuoe. The newspaper said Sears would announce the moves next month. Est. volume: 7,455 19.97 19.49 + 0.40 19.6 Sears has fallen behind Wal-Mart Stores Inc. and Kmart Corp. among large U.S. retailers in recent years and posted an \$833.7 million loss in the

third quarter because of insurance losses. The company has cut more than 48,000 jobs since 1990 but has not closed any stores. Walter Loeb, a retail analyst in New York, said he expected Sears would take a charge of as much as \$1 billion in the fourth quarter to cover the costs of the cutbacks.

#### Berlitz Nears Purchase by Fukutake

PRINCETON, New Jersey (Bloomberg) - Berlitz International Inc. on Tuesday moved closer to cutting its ties to the bankrupt empire of the late Robert Maxwell and being purchased by Fukutake Puhlishing Co. Berlitz, in an agreement with MacMillan Inc. and its parent, Maxwell Communication Corp., promised to slash claims on \$129 million io Maxwell notes it holds and return a \$64.6 million MacMillan promissory note, Berlitz said.

MacMillan, which once controlled Berlitz, agreed to return its Berlitz preferred stock with a redemption value of \$180 million, Maxwell Communication will elevate Berlitz's claims in its bankruptcy proceed-

ings.

If approved by courts overseeing Maxwell Communication's bankruptcy cases in London and New York, Fukutake's offer of \$19.50 a share for Berlitz will be put in a vote by Berlitz shareholders in January, the company said. Berlitz shares rose 12.5 cents at \$22 on the New York Stock Exchange.

#### Chrysler Sees Gains in Market Share

HIGHLAND PARK, Michigan (AFP) - Chrysler Corp. said Tuesday it expected North American car and truck sales to climb by 5 percent in 1993, to 15 million, and predicted its share of the market would grow. "You can just about take 15 million to the bank," said Robert Eaton the company's chairman-designate. "And if we're lucky, we might see

enough improvement next year to approach 15.5 million units."

Mr. Eaton said he expected Chrysler's market share to improve because of its minivans, its new Jeep Grand Cherokee and increased production of its new LH line of cars. Chrysler said it had 13.3 percent of the North American car and truck market through Nov. 30, compared with 12.4 percent in the first 11 months of 1991.

#### Digital Sets Up 9 Operating Units

BOSTON (AP) — Digital Equipment Corp., criticized for moving too slowly in the fast-changing computer industry, divided itself Tuesday into nine operating units designed to react more swiftly.

Digital said five of the units would target certain industry groupings.

such as health care, defense, financial services and communications. It also created four other units focused on certain products and services: personal computers, peripheral components such as printers, storage

The new units will be held accountable for making money as they determine what products and services their customers want and what strategies are needed.

#### For the Record

Unocal Corp. said it had agreed to sell 80 percent of its British offshore-oil exploration interests, Unocal U.K. Ltd., to Amerada Hess Ltd. as part of its efforts to reduce debt. Terms were not disclosed. (AP)

U.S. corporate profits will rise with the economy next year, with earnings per share at companies in the Standard & Poor's 500 index likely to grow 25 to 30 percent in 1993 after rising about 30 percent this year, S&P said.

# Paris Approves Dassault Fighter Production

NASDAQ Diary

PARIS - Defense Minister Pierre Joxe gave approval Tuesday for production of Dassault Aviation SA's Rafale jet fighter, which is to be used by the French Navy and Air Force by the end of the decade, a ministry spokesman said.

The navy is scheduled to have 86 planes operational The dollar surged to 1.4405 by 1998, and the air force will have 234 by the year Swiss francs from 1.4135. The franc convince other countries to order the plane, defense analysts have said. The cost of the development and production of the plane is estimated at 155 billion kilometers (1,430 miles) per hour.

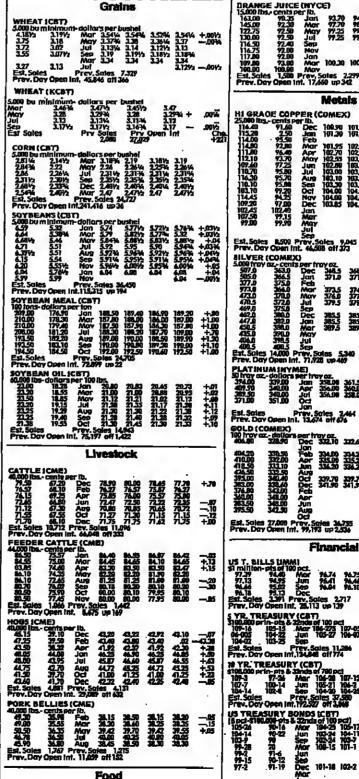
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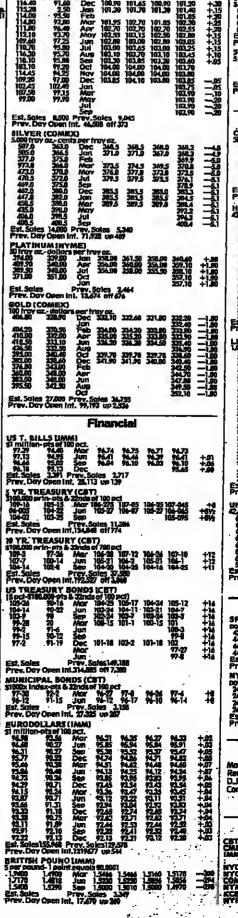
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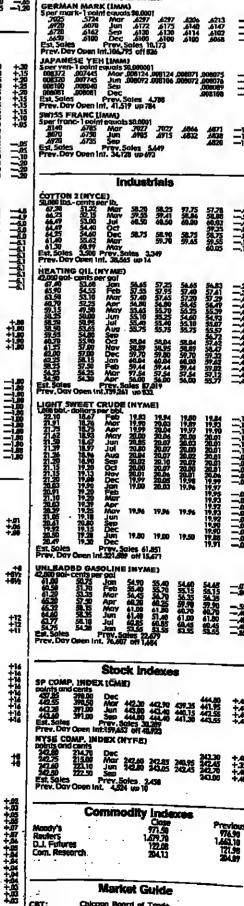
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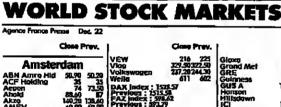
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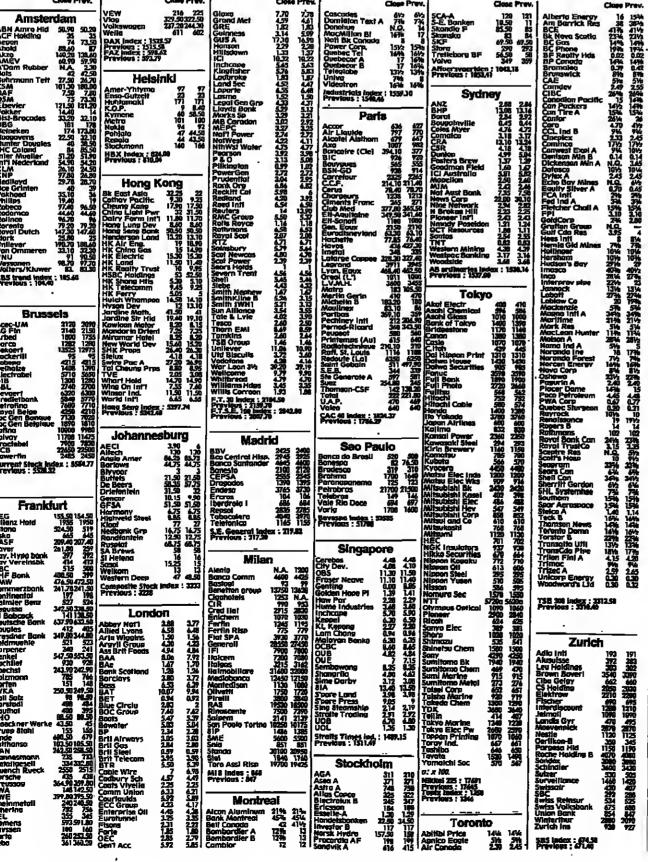
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# German Takeover Boom?

FRANKFURT - German companies will face more frequent and persistent hostile takeover bids in the European Community's single market that takes effect in January, experts on Germany company law predict.

The lifting of barriers on capital movements is likely to accelerate foreign bids while pressures increase on German companies to ease defensive measures, the analysts said.

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Despite the widespread belief that unificandly takeovers do not work in Germany, a hostile bidder can be successful under current conditions, but only if it can obtain a controlling majority of shares quickly, they said

Recent examples of foreign companies seeking to gain con-trol by slowly building up their holdings show this method does not work, the experts said.

"German capital markets, although underdeveloped as compared to the British or U.S. markets, are not shielded against foreign takeovers through irreers," said Hans-Jochen Otto, a corporate lawyer at the Stuttgart-based firm Thummel. chütze & Partner.

This means that as Germany moves into the EC single market. hostile bids for German companies by domestic and foreign competitors will become more frequent, he said. So will the pressure by shareholders on managers to lift obstructions against unwanted suitors and add value to their shares. Last week, Christian Strenger,

called for an overhaul of Germany's corporate takeover rules, saying that shareholders in German companies were disadvantaged.

At the annual meeting this month of RWE AG, the electric utility, a group of domestic and foreign shareholders challenged as discriminatory a corporate statute that creates a class of shares with multiple voting

Soch moves are becoming more common in Germany as

Under the EC single market. hostile bids for German firms will multiply.

foreign investors are looking for a foothold in Europe's largest

Examples are the recent acquisitions of large stakes in the Ger-man insurers Nordstern Allgemeine Versicherungs AG and AMB AG by Union des Assurances de Paris and Assurances Générales de France.

Since buying a 25 percent stake plus one share in AMB late last year, AGF has been trying hard in get its voting rights recognized, and AMB shareholders will be asked Dec. 30 to approve a com-plex deal also involving Credit Lyonnais and BfG Bank that would allow such recognition.

The battle over AGF's stake in AMB shows that potential bid-ders in Germany must gain con-

fund-management division, trol of their targets as quickly as possible, analysts said. Nicolaus-Jürgen Weickart, a Frankfurt-based expert on corporate mergers, said any investor wanting to gain control of a German company "should do it the

American way, which means controlling majority of the takeover target. "Any other approach is bound

to fail." be said

As illustrations, Sweden's Stora AB gathered more than 85 percent of Feldmühle Nobel AG n its successful takeover, John Decre purchased more than 75 percent of Sabo Maschineufabrik AG and Fried. Krupp GmbH started out by buying more than two-thirds of Hoesch AG when beginning its takeover

late last year.
Other would-he acquirers failed to gain a majority stake of targets quickly because they did over policy, analysts said. Mr. Weickart said foreign bid-

ders often wasted their time and money as they tried to strike clandestine arrangements instead of going the open, legal

too afraid of Germany's notori-ous "corporate elubhiness," which usually brings together a company with its creditor bank and its suppliers, he said.

Mr. Otto at Thursmel, Schütze said fear of collusion between shareholders could itself become a barrier to a takeover. "There's clearly a risk that a wrong perception of the facts could become a takeover barrier, perhaps even the most effective," he said.

# Britain's Trade Gap EC Clears Saps Growth Hopes Fiat-Hitachi

trade in goods and services, widened to £1.19 billion (\$1.86 hillion), from £955 million in October, the Central Statistical Office reported Tuesday. It was the biggest gap in seven months.

Independent economists said the figures suggested that Britain, which has suffered a contraction of its manufacturing base in recent decades, may be stuck with a longterm trade problem that could limit

future growth.
"The underlying trade problem has already limited Britain's growth potential in the past year and will do so in the future," said Kevin Gardiner, economist at Warburg Securities.

Economists were particularly sappointed by the merchandise trade deficit excluding oil and erratic items, which is considered a parometer of the underlying trend. The deficit on that basis widened to £1.63 billion in November from £1.43 billion in October.

Britain's propensity to import far more than it exports has effectively stopped the economy recovering this year. Official figures on of British exports, is falling fast.

Monday showed consumer expen-LONDON - Britain's trade po- diture rose over the year to the sition remained deep in the red in third quarter, but the economy's November, provoking concern output remained weak because imabout the economy's underlying ports soaked up the extra demand.

The trade picture is very worry-The deficit on the current ac- ing." Mr. Gardiner said. "We have ceed with a joint venture to make count, the broadest measure of never seen import penetration pick up so quickly at this stage of the economic cycle.

Britain lost one-fifth of its manufacturing capacity in the 1980-81 competition rules after Fiat and recession, and the country's industrial muscle has been further weakened by the current downturn.

Many economists fear the economy may not be able to sustain a long-term growth rate of around 2.5 percent when recovery emerges because imports would soar.

Some eennomists said the pound's 13 percent fall against major currencies since it left the European Community's exchange-rate grid on Sept. 16 had given British companies a golden opportunity to undercut overseas rivals.

"By the middle of next year we should begin to see a healthier current account" as the benefits of devaluation come through, said Neil Williams, senior economist at

But others said any devaluation benefits would be modest at n time when demand in Continental Eu-

GE, GEC Alsthom Win Deal

PARIS - General Electric Co. of the United States and GEC Alsthom said Tuesday they had won a contract worth at least \$2 billion to provide electricity-producing turbines for Castle Peak Power Co. of Hong Kong.

The eight gas turbines for the Black Rock power plant were developed with General Electric's technology by European Gas Turbines, a subsidiary of GEC Alsthom in which GE has a 10 percent stake.

GEC Alsthom is owned by Alcated Alsthom of France and General

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Electric Co. of Britain, which is not related to General Electric of the

United States. Castle Peak Power is 60 percent-owned by Exxon Corp.,

and the rest is held by China Light & Power Co. (Bloomberg, AFP) low 25 percent.

(AFX, AP)

# Venture

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches BRUSSELS - The EC Commission on Tuesday cleared Fiat SpA and Japan's Hitachi Ltd. to pro-

and market hydraulic earth movers. The European Community's executive body decided the joint-venture did not infringe Community Hitachi altered their agreement to allow customers to purchase competing Hitachi equipment in Europe and Africa.

The joint venture will take over sales of Fiat's existing line of heavy diggers and also will include new, jointly produced models using Hithi technology and Fiat engines.

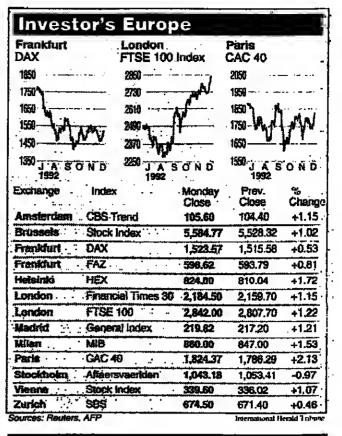
Under the original terms of their accord, Hitachi and Fiat agreed not to compete with their jointly pro-duced diggers in Western Europe, the Mediterranean and Africa. But the commission said the two sides had changed the deal to allow

Hitachi in engage in passive sales of hydraulie diggers in those mar-kets. That means Hitachi can accept orders from customers for its own diggers but will not actively The commission also said it or-

dered Ford Motor Co.'s tractor subsidiary, Ford New Holland, to change agreements with its dealers after an investigation found breaches of EC antitrust rules. Agreements hetween Ford and

its dealers must no longer limit imports between EC countries, and must tell customers they are free to huy Ford products anywhere in the munity, the commission said.

Separately, the commission said it had cleared PepsiCo to acquire the Spanish soft-drink bottling and distribution companies Kas SA and Knorr Elorza SA from Banco



#### Very briefly:

Standard Chartered PLC sold most of its interest in its Hong Kong headquarters building for £74 million (\$113.6 million) to Amoy Proper ties Ltd., taking proceeds of recent property sales in Asia in £200 million. The European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, created two years ago to help develop market economies in Eastern Europe, completed its move to a permanent headquarters in London's City.

Christies International PLC said sales for the August in December period rose 17 percent from the previous autumn, to £312 million. • Firmish legislators approved a law allowing foreigners to huy husinesses and property in the country starting next year.

• Iberia's purchase of Aerolineas Argentinas could be unwound and another buyer sought if the Spanish airline fails to resolve the carrier's technical problems, an Argentine government minister said.

Sextant, a subsidiary of Aerospatiale and Thomson-CSF, and BGT, a subsidiary of Diehl GmbH, were cleared by the EC Commission to acquire joint control of VDO-L, a German maker of aircraft instruments. PSA Pengeot-Citroën said its Mulhouse plant, which makes the 106 model, will idle 9,200 workers for the day on Jan. 4 and 12,000 on Jan. 29. . Gota AB's administrators have agreed on a method of fixing the price for the Swedish finance ministry's takeover of all shares in the collapsed holding company's Gota Bank. Remers, Bloomberg, AFX, AP. AFP

### TAXES: In Industrial Nations, Cuts Prove Illusory

(Continued from first finance page) tions that are members of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, total tax revenue as a percentage of gross domestic product increased from an average of 35.2 percent in 1980 to 38.8 percent in 1990, despite widespread cuts in top income-tax rates and some reductions in cor-

In the United States, tax revenues as a percentage of GDP increased only to 29.9 percent in 1990

from 29.5 percent in 1980. Germany had been cutting rates over the last decade, dropping the maximum rate on personal income to 50 percent from 53 percent in reunification with East Germany forced an increase last year in taxes on cigarettes and gasoline, among ether goods and services, and a one-year "solidarity" tax — a 7.5 percent surcharge on gross personal income — that expired in July.

tax-and-spend policy to modernize the country and bring its economy into line with the richer European Community nations.

Still, most nations have been generally guided by the notion that rates should be reduced, but that taxes should be levied more broad-

ly and more fairly. In France, the Socialist government has since 1983 pursued policies designed to favor investment, capital accumulation and personal income - counterbalanced by high taxes on consumption. The approach was a radical about-face for

Since 1983, France has reduced top corporate tax rates to 34 percent from 52 percent. Capital-gains taxes are low by U.S. standards. Income taxes are progressive, with about half the population paying none at all, and the other half pay-ing a marginal rate that rises to 57 percent for a single person with earnings of more than \$75,000.

The Socialist government has a month for individuals other means of support.

ty, nations have had to adopt a value-added tax as part of the community's effort to create a single market and reduce the differences in their tax systems.

But value-added taxes have also heeome increasingly popular worldwide because they tax only consumption and not investment or savings — an approach that most economists say has long-term benefits for economic growth.

"There is a very strong contention among economists that con-sumption-based taxes make sense because they don't burden savings, and most countries would be better off if they had a high rate of savings and investment," said Mr. Huf-bauer of the Institute for International Economics.

But consumption taxes are by no When Japan introduced a 3 percent also imposed a special tax sur- value-added tax in 1989, it was acincome — that expired in July. charge on the assets of wealthy incompanied by a reduction in the In Spain, taxes have been rising as dividuals, the proceeds of the tax top personal income-tax rate from the government scrambles under a carmarked for redistribution as a 60 percent to 50 percent, and by a "minimum revenue" of about \$400 reduction in the number of tax brackets from 12 to five. But the net effect has been an increased Within the European Communi- burden on most taxpayers.

# ADS: Russian TV Has Plenty, but Message Isn't Clear

services or premium interest rates. Russian banks need to focus first on convincing customers it is safe tn stash money in a nongovernment

N. Yeltsin kicks off his mass privatization program, under which every Russian citizen will receive a voucher good for investment in former state-owned property, pushing puters. company names has become espepanies have begun trolling for investors with 30-second TV spots

that tout their soundness. The room is hot, sultry, bathed in golden simlight. A bare-chested man leans over a worktable and sands a block of wood, his muscles

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use commercials to promote special services or promiting interest area.

the window, a delicate woman with long, curly hair watches him. The wind tugs seductively at her robe.

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> The handful of Russian commertend to target young business people hooked on conspicuous con-

"It's humiliating, because these ads have nothing to do with peo-ple's lives — they're just rich people on the TV screen talking to each

mercials around lifestyles unavailable in Russia, some ad agencies stoop to piracy.
The CNN "Money Line" logo

and the harried executives from AT&T spots all show up in Russian commercials. Even Pepsi-toting Michael Jackson was pirated into service by a company desperate to give its ads some American flair.

In one particularly flagrant case cially important. Several large com-Argumenti i Fakti lifted an entire TV commercial from one promoting a British newspaper, televising the ad with only one change - the Moscow paper's Cyrillic masthead was laid in to replace the telltale Roman letters spelling ont the Britrippling with every movement. At other," said Maria Volkenstein, a ish paper's name.

#### FIDELITY FRONTIER FUND

Société d'Investissement à Capital Variable Kansallis Hnuse, Place de l'Etoile L-1021 Luxembourg

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the shareholders of FIDELITY FRONTIER FUND, a société d'investissement à capital variable organised under the laws of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg (the "Fund"), will be held at the registered office of the Fund, Kansallis House, Place de L'Etoile, Luxembourg, at 11:00 a.m. on December 31, 1992, specifically, but without limitation, for the following purposes:

Presentation of the Report of the Board of Directors.

2. Presentation of the Report of the Auditor. 3. Approval of the balance sheet and income statement for the fiscal year ended August 31, 1992.

Discharge of the Board of Directors and the Auditor. 5. Election of six (6) Directors, specifically the re-election of Messrs. Edward C. Johnson 3d, Barry R. J. Bateman, Charles T. M. Collis, Charles A. Fraser, Jean Hamilius and H. F. van

den Hoven, being all of the present Directors. Election of the Auditor, specifically the election of Coopers & Lyhrand, Luxembourg. 7. Declaration of a cash dividend in respect of the fiscal year ended August 31, 1992. 8. Consideration of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

Approval of the above items of the agenda will require the affirmative vote of a majority of the shares present or represented at the Meeting with no minimum number of shares present or represented in order for a quorum to be present. Subject to the limitations imposed by the Articles of Incorporation of the Fund with regard to ownership of shares which constitute in the aggregate more than three percent (3 %) of the outstanding shares, each share is entitled to one vote. A shareholder may act at any meeting by proxy.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS



# Europe's changing appearance may seem confusing.



# We have the knowledge to help you unravel fact from fiction.

Step by step, a Europe free of frontiers appears on the horizon. But as the new single market takes shape it's apparent that this new entity will still be extremely heterogeneous.

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It's what you might expect of one of the world's top twenty banks with a sound financial base of US\$ 242.7 billion in assets and US\$ 9 billion in shareholders' equity.

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Tuesday's Prices

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# Taylor Woodrow, AEG to Build Malaysia Metro

KUALA LUMPUR — Taylor Woodrow and AEG to reduce their stakes to a minority position.

PLC and AEG AG will build, own and operate the first phase of the Malaysian capital's lightralit transit system, officials said Tuesday.

Sistem Transit Aliran Ringan San and for Taylor Woodrow and AEG to arm of Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corp. that is advising Sistem Transit, is seeking local and overseas institutions to take up equity. "We are talking to institutions like venture a crawl during rush hours as car ownership rises fast in a city of the control of the capital state."

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Sistem Transit Aliran Ringan Sdn., equally owned by the British construction company and the German electronics outfit, has signed a franchise agreement with the Transport Ministry to build the 1.2 billion ringgit (3464 million) first phase of the system for Kuala Lumpur.

Work will start by early next year, officials said, and the entire 12 kilometer (7.5 mile) stretch from the city center to Ampang on the outskirts is expected to be completed by 1995.

The agreement calls for Sistem Transit to sell equity stakes to Malaysian and foreign inves-

Tables include the nationwide prices up to the closing on Wall Street and do not reflect to trades elsewhere. Via The Associated Press

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fast in a city of narrow roads.

R. G. Franks, chairman of Sistem Transit, said the company would use a combination of debt and equity finance.

The company "will eventually have a paid-up capital of 300 million ringgit, with its original Wardley

capitalists to take up some equity," said Ward-ley's director, Donny Kwa, He said no single shareholder would be allowed to take more than 20 percent. Under the agreement, Sistem Transit, which

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# Tokyo Seeks Edge In Stock Futures

TOKYO - In Japan's latest hid to reduce stock-market volatility blamed on the trading techniques of foreign brokers, the Finance Ministry said Tuesday it would replace the market's leading stockindex futures contract.

Working with Japan's two largest exchanges in Tokyo and Osaka, the Finance Ministry is aiming to design a new futures contract based on a revised average of Japanese stocks that includes only actively aded iss

The Nikkei average of 225 ocks, the Tokyo market benchark and the basis for the current tures contract, includes many htly traded stocks. The ministry says that by chang-

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#### **Futures Broker** Opens în China Bloomberg Business News

HONG KONG - China opened its first futures brokerage Tuesday, the semi-official China News Service reported.

Guangdong Futures Bro-kerage Co. began operating in the southern Chinese city of Guangzhou and will deal with futures on petroleum, corn, soybeans, sugar, wheat, cotton and copper, the agency said.

The company also will engage in international finan-cial-futures transactions as an agency for China's three futures markets in Shanghai, Shenzhen and Zhengzhou.

however, that a new stock-index futures contract would enable the ministry to achieve its ultimate goal
— luring back disillusioned individual investors who have all but abandoned Japan's weak and vola-

tile stock markets.

"The ministry's unstated objective is to prop up the market, which they believe to be undervalued despite the fact that it is obviously still overvalued," said Graham Biggart, general manager of futures and options trading for Schroder

# Asian Carriers Forge Link

HONG KONG — Cathay Pacific Airways, Malaysian Airline System and Singapore Airlines said Tuesday that they had agreed to set up a joint frequent-flyer program to meet increased competition.

"The proliferation of frequent-flyer programs in other parts of the world means that customers now expect this type of reward for loyalty from airlines," said Cathay's marketing director, Rowland Cobbold.

The program, in which points for distances flown can be redeemed for free travel on any of the three airlines, will be run by an independent joint venture based in Singapore.

Analysts said competition on Pacific routes from United Airlines and Northwest Airlines, and British Airways PLC's new link with Qantas, forced the Asian carriers to group together. (Bloomberg, AFP)

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• Shanghai General Real Estate Development Co. became the first company in China tn rent land, leasing a 21,900 square meter (26,280 square yard) plot in the Pudong Special Economic Zone in Shanghai for 70 years at a cost of 81.44 million yuan (\$14.3 million).

China will expand courts to deal with business disputes in its Special Economic Zones, following tests in two northeastern cities.

• China Southern Securities Co., the third Chinese brokerage house, was opened in Shenzhen to foster trading on the country's new exchanges. Japan loses 1.4 percent of its gross national product to alcohol-related problems, largely impaired productivity, a Tokyo Medical and Dental University found; a researcher nated alcohol consumption was rising.

 South Korea is banning leaded gasoline as of Jan. 1 to reduce pollution. · Rothmans Holdings Ltd. will cease cigarette manufacturing at its ailing Alhambra Industries unit in the Philippines.

Fnji Kiko Co., which is 23.8 percent-owned by Nissan Motor Co., bought a rival antomobile component maker, FFV Autotech AB of Sweden, for 500 million yen (\$4.1 million).

Isuzu Motors Ltd., which is abandoning car producting, said its current loss shrank to 23.6 billion yen in the year ended Oct. 31, from 48.4 billion yen a year earlier. Sales of small trucks and recreational vehicles rose.

• Kokusai Securities Co. received a Swiss banking license that will let it continue to underwrite securities under a banking law effective Jan. 1. . Japan's 1992 rice crop will total 10.57 million metric tons, up 10 percent from 1991, reflecting improved weather and expanded acreage.

### Suzuki Seeks Auto Venture in China

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bility study was also unclear.

### began a feasibility study this fall on sively sought partnerships with the proposed venture, the official Chinese businesses in recent years Nissan Plans an 'Asia Car'

United Press International

TOKYO — Nissan Motor Co. announced plans Tuesday to develop a compact car designed specially for production and sale in Southeast Asia. The model, powered by a 1600cc engine, will be assembled with parts made in the region, principally in Thailand. Production will begin in mid-1993 in Thailand and Taiwan and later in Malaysia and in the Philippines. Nissan plans eventually to build 36,000 units of the model annually in each of those four countries.

Nissan also said it expected to sell 1.20 million cars in Japan this year, down 10.7 percent on the year, but to rebound to 1.27 million next year, Bloomberg Business News reported.

Nissan said it would sell 943,000 cars abroad this year, down 1.9 percent. It expects sales abroad to fall a further 77 percent in 1993, to 870,000.

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Suzuki in particular has actively sought business in developing mar-kets around the world to make up for shrinking demand in Japan for its mainstay mini-vehicles, which are cars and trucks with engines smaller than 660 cubic centimeters.

Suzuki has pravided Chiua Changan Machine with technology to build its Carry-Van model since 1985 and last year signed an agree-ment to supply the company with technology for its Alto passenger

Most production agreements so far have focused on motorcycle manufacturing. In addition to Suzuki, Hnnda Motor Co. and Yamaha Motor Co. bave established joint ventures in China to make motorcycles.

The exception is Daihatsu Motor Co., which began joint manufac-ture of passenger cars in Tianjin, northeastern China, in 1984.

#### VW Buying Into Japanese Car Distributor

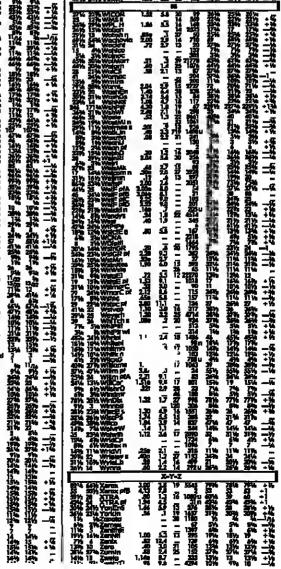
Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatche TOKYO - Volkswagen AG said Tuesday that it had bought a 49.9 percent stake in Jax Co., a Japanese car dealer, in an effort to build its sales in the Tokyo area.

Jax will suspend its current agreement with Renault and will begin selling Vnlkswagen

will begin selling Vnlkswagen and Audi cars next spring.
VW, through its Volkswagen Audi Nippon KK unit, is paying 2.6 billion yen (\$21.14 million) for the stake.
"We want to take full advantage of Jax's network of 17 outlets in the Tokyo area," a spokesman at Vnlkswagen Audi Nippon said.
Volkswagen agreed on April 22 to end a 40-year import agreement with Yanase & Co. Since then VW has been handling its own sales in Japan.
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# SPORTS BASKETBALL

# In Europe's Basketball Leagues, U.S. Players Can Be Fouled Out

By Rone Tempest Las Angeles Times Service

TOULOUSE, France - After the professional basketball team in this southwestern French city lost its first nine games this season, ... the owners sent identical letters to the two American players on the squad.

The letters instructed the players, veterans Donald Petties and Kevin McDuffie, to turn in wtheir car keys, pay their phone bills and clear out of their apartments. It offered them \$2,000 cash and a one-way ticket to the United States. "We assure you of our sympathy and wish you all the best," concluded the letters, signed by an aide to the president of the Racing Club ef Toulouse basketball team.

Trouble was, Petties and McDuffie had guar-anteed contracts for \$36,000 each. The \$2,000 was only a fraction of the money the team owed · them. Thus began a war of attrition between the two players and the Toulouse club.

The players hired an attorney, hid their teamsupplied cars to avoid repossession and refused to leave town. The cluh continued to refuse to pay them, blocked them from joining other teams in Europe and hired two other Americans to replace them.

Welcome to prnfessional basketball in the European leagues. It is a special kind of basket-

ball: You play and they sometimes pay.

For a select few young Americans, professional basketball in Europe has been a refuge of financial comfort and distant glory in the sport they love. In his heyday with an Italian club in Yenice, the former U.S. star Spencer Haywood even had a private gondola at his disposal.

But for many others, the experience is one of broken contracts, exploitive agents and bitter in the meantime, they asked, would he kindly once you get there and start losing, don't want to pay you. Players have got to be careful."

and soccer. The basketball team is lucky to pay you. Players have got to be careful." lawsuits. The American players, not covered by the labor laws that protect European players, are sometimes forced to go bome with only part

of the money they were promised.
"I've seen it before," said Bernard Grinspan,
the French attorney for Petties and McDuffie. They get these guys to come over here and they don't pay them, just because they don't put enough points in these baskets. It's like 'Les Misérables' or something. I'm pretty disgust-

Charles Grantham, executive director of the National Basketball Association Players Association, said: "The mind-set of the owners in some parts of Europe seems to be that they will pay the Americans as long as they are playing well and the team is winning. But once they decide they want to change the player for whatever reason, guaranteed contract or not, they stop paying. Their attitude is, 'If you don't like

Alarmed over the increasing number of contract disputes involving European clubs, the players' association is trying to pressure the NBA and the sport's world governing body, FIBA, to hlackball clubs that do not honor guaranteed contracts.

At about the same time as the Toulouse affair, a second-division club in a Proville. France, was on a losing streak and informed its star American forward, John (Chuckie) White, that it no longer needed his services. Team officials said they hoped someday to pay him the \$40,000 they owed him on his contract. But point guard, who could replace him on the

In a display of sportsmanship some might find remarkable. White recommended Keith Smart, a former college teammate at Iodiana, for the job. Now Smart is in Proville, staying in White's former apartment. White is back home in Charlotte. North Carolina, waiting for a check from the team.

The more powerful the teams are, chances are better that the players eventually will be paid," said Bernard Delire, a Belgian agent who represented Petties and McDuffie. "But on a bad team with a small budget, 90 percent of the time they won't get their money."

Under European rules, each team is permitted a quota of two foreign players, usually Americans. Each year, about 1,000, ranging from college dropouts to fading NBA veterans, make the jump to professional leagues in a dozen European and Middle Eastern countries.

fornia at Irvine, never played in the NBA but has played in Europe for 11 years. He earns \$550,000 a year with the Racing-PSG club in Paris. But veteran players such as Magee have learned to he leary of promises and to keep an

Some of the players hit the jackpot Kevin

Magee, a former star at the University of Cali-

eye on the fine print "In my 11 years, I've never had any problem getting my money, thank God," Magee said after a recent game in Paris. There are a lot of

Even the upper reaches of the system in Europe are not exempt from broken contracts and legal battles over unpaid money.

Rick Mahorn, a former stalwart of the Detroit Pistons, became a cause célèbre in his brief stint earlier this year with the Messagero team in Rome. Mahom had a \$1.9 million guaranteed contract, which is high for European leagues. But after a game on Oct. 9, Mahorn threw a chair at a locker following an argument with a coach and was dismissed from the team, without receiving the bulk of the money promised in the contract.

Mahorn is back in the United States, playing for the NBA's New Jersey Nets. His agent, Altoo R. Waldon 2d, said Mahorn would sue for the remainder of the contract money in an Italian court.

"We contend they were using the chair inci-dent as an excuse to sever Rick's contract," said Waldon. "We have information that the club was already making inquiries about hiring cheaper players to replace him before the incident occurred."

More typical are the contract problems of Petties and McDuffie in Toulouse, recruited to play on a poor team with a total annual budget of less than \$500,000

For several years, Racing Clinh of Toulouse has struggled in the bottom ranks of the 29team first division of French professional basketball. Toulouse, the French aerospace capital, is a prosperous city with a population of nearly 600,000. But the region's main sports are rugby teams out there that promise you the world but

an Indian restaurant, a hair salon and a few other small businesses that advertise on the gymnasium walls, the club has no sponsors.

When Petties, 29, a 6-foot, 4-inch (1.93-meter) shooting guard from Ann Arbor, Michigan, and McDuffie, 24, a 6-8 forward from Bahimore, showed up for practice in September, they were warned by their coach, Daniel Perreard, not to expect too much from their French

"You've heard about the 'Dream Team'." said Perreard, whose record at Toulouse over the last three seasons is 18-57. "What I've got here is the Nightmare Team."

The team was 0-17 after the second week of December, even with a new pair of American players, Steve Miles, a former Texas Tech center, and Charles Rochelin, a former UCLA forward.

"I couldn't helieve it when I got here," said McDuffie, a former star at Northeastern. "It was like I was playing with a bunch of kids who had never heard of even the most basic funda-

Petties, who played at Western Michigan University before hitting the European circuit, agreed. He said it was the worst team for which

But both players had already bounced around, playing for lower division teams in other countries. McDuffie played in the Netherlands, where he was the league's most valuable player, and in Belgium. Petties played on teams in Canada, Finland, Germany and the

**Cold Jordan Means** 

**Hot Water for Heat** 

One word describes Michael Jordan when he misses all 10

of his shots in the first three quarters and the Chicago Bulls

trail by 15 points; dangerous.

Jordan, held to three free throws for three periods, scored 15 points on 6-for-9 shooting in the fourth quarter as the Bulls outscored Miami, 30-11, in the final 12 minutes and

The Bulls matched New York for the best record in the

Mismi led 71-56 entering the fourth quarter thanks to Jordan's miserable shoot-

dan, whose 18 points was far below his NBA-leading 31.7

average. "I kept trying to get an easier shot and there wasn't

Before the fourth quarter, Miami's coach, Kevin Lough-

cry, expected his team to win for the first time in 15 tries

"A 15-point custion going into the fourth quarter should be enough to win in the NBA," he said, "We had more

"Mama said there would NBA HIGHLIGHTS

beat the Heat, 86-82, on Mooday night in Chicago.

Eastern Conference at 16-7.

he days like this," said Jor-

Netherlands. So both players were delighted when Delire offered them jobs in Toulouse. even though the pay, \$36,000 each, was close to

the minimum. The club's recruiting director asked Delire for two Americans, a taller inside player and an outside player capable of making 3-point shets.
On Deirre's recommendation, McDuffle and Petties were signed and hired, sight unseen. The coach and management had never even seen

film of them in action. "I didn't know anything about the players but their statistics." Perreard said. "But the same agent had supplied us American players for the past five years, and we'd never had any

But when the team lost its first few games by lopsided scores, pressure mounted for a change. In an interview with La Dépêche du Midi, a Toulouse daily newspaper, Perreard said the main problem with the team was the young and inexperienced French players.

But under league rules and national labor laws, French players cannot be dismissed after the June 1 deadline for player cuts. Perreard told the club president, Jean-Claude Hebrard, that he wanted to "exchange the Americans."

"It's always the Americans'," said Rudy LaRusso, a former player for the Los Angeles Lakers who now acts as an agent for several players in Europe. "The Europeans can't fire their players because of the labor laws and they can't fire the coach so they blame the Ameri-

That immunity did not extend to Perreard, however. On Monday, with the team's record having fallen to 0-18, be was fired and replaced by Jacques Cachemire, a former player for

On Oct. 28, Hebrard had sent Petties and McDuffie each a letter informing him that he had been fired because of "insufficient performances during the first nine games of the sea-son." Each had been paid \$8,000 thus far. Hebrard offered an additional \$2,000 and an airplane ricket home.

Faced with the same situation on other teams, many American players have decided to take the token payoff and leave. Petries and McDuffie decided to dig in. They took the precaution of hiding their cars on side streets, but were safe in their apartments because of a French law that prevents evictions for whatever cause during winter.

"I've seen players in the past who have been released and who just went home without their money," said Petties, whose wife and two chil-dren live in Calgary, Alberta. "But we knew our contracts were guaranteed and that we had done nothing wrong. We decided that we were going to light for it."

Through their agent, they were put in con-tract with Grinspan, an attorney in the Paris office of the Los Angeles firm of Gibson, Dunn Crutcher. Grinspan, a French lawyer who also has a degree from Harvard Law School. had learned about the contract practices in the French professional league when he successfully handled a similar case two years ago.

Although Petties and McDuffie lost their first appeal to a labor arbitration board in November. Grinspan pressured the club by sending letters to a long list of public officials in the region, including Dominique Baudis, Toulouse's mayor and a national political figure. The letter to Baudis appears to have worked, at least winning the players a bigger portion of their money. Nearly half of the team's budget comes from a grant by the city of Toulouse. Because of the controversy stirred up by the lawsuit, and political pressure mounted by Grinspan, some members of the city council have begun to question renewing the annual \$200,000 grant.

"If the grant is not renewed, the basketball team is finished," Hebrard said. He said that the players had been offered a settlement of the players had been offered a settlement of \$15,000, but left the impression that the club might pay more just to get the case resolved. On Dec. 8, Hebrard rescinded his letter banning the players from accepting jobs on other teams.

"I just want to get the whole thing settled," he said. "so that the soufflé doesn't fall flat."

# Look Out for No. 9: Sooners Fall to BYU

5 'A few words of caution to college basketball teams gunning for the top 10 in the rankings: Avoid Since the regular season began,

no ninth-ranked team has won a game. The quirk continued Mon-day night as No. 9 Oklahoma lost

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to Brigham Young in the opening round of the Maui Invitational journament in Hawaii,

Arizona was ranked ninth during the week of Dec. 6-12, and lost to Arkansas, which was unranked. Louisville was No. 9 the next week, and lost to Vanderbilt and Kentucky. Oklahoma was ranked ninth last week, but did not play.

Florida State fits in as an asterisk. The Seminoles were ranked ninth in the preseason poll, but won twice in the Preseason NIT tournament.

The Sooners (5-1) were done when BYU's Kevin Nixon rebounded a missed 3-pointer, and hit a fadeaway from the foul line with less than a second to play for a

"I remember arching it real high because I wanted to give it a chance to go in, and the more I backped-aled the better it looked," Nixon said. "It hit the front of the rim, hit the back of the rim and just kind of slithered in there."

Nixon finished with 14 points in just 11 minutes as the Cougars (6-1) came back from a 15-point deficit with 12:40 to play and a four-point deficit with 30 seconds left.

No. 1 Duke 89, DePaul 73: In Lahaina, Hawaii, the Blue Devils

the same formula that has earned them consecutive national championships: great shooting and great passing from great players. Grant Hill led Duke with 22 points, most

Bobby Hurley had 19 points -12 from 3-point range — in addition to a number of spectacular assists. Thomas Hill had 10 points, his last two on an impressive dunk in the lane with 6:25 to play that gave the Blue Devils their biggest

lead of the game, 77-57.

DePaul (4-3) played well, but Coach Joey Meyer was not satisfied. The moral victory stuff gets

No. 2 Kansas 84, N. C. State 64; In Lawrence, Kansas, the Jay-hawks (7-0) avoided a repeat of the second-half doldrums that have

plagued them all season, North Carolina State (2-4) hit five straight 3-pointers in the sec-ond half -- four by Migjen Bakalli - but could pull no closer than 10 points. Adonis Jordan had seven steals, seven assists and 16 points for Kansas.

No. 6 Michigan 94, Central Michigan 69: Michigan posted a victory for the man who made "Fab Five" a part of today's baskethall lexicon: Coach Steve Fish-er's father. George Howard Fisher, 81, died Saturday night, shortly af-ter watching his son's team defeat

lowa State on television.
Fisher attended his father's funeral Monday and was not on the sidelines in Ann Arbor as the Wolverines (6-1) got 18 points from Chris Webber and rolled over Central Michigan (2-4). No. 8 Iowa 103, Eastern Michi-

gan 66: In San Juan, Puerto Rico. turnovers and won easily against the Hawkeyes (7-0) got 21 points Jackson State (2-5).



Mike Sanders stole the ball from Tom Gugliotta as the Cavaliers took a victory from the Bullets.

from junior forward Chris Street and 18 from senior Jay Webb... No. 10 Arkansas 123, Jackson State 76: In Pine Bluff, Arkansas,

the Razorbacks (6-0) forced 29

rance Badgett each scored 17

Darrell Hawkins had 20 points, and Nebraska forced 33 turnovers. The 116 points was the second-highest total in Nebraska history, one short of what it scored against Harvard in 1989 and Oklafreshmen Erick Strickland and Termona in the 1991 Big Eight tournature.

against the Bulls.

airballs than field goals in the fourth quarter."

The Bells started the final period with an 18-4 run to close to 75-74 on Jordan's two free throws with 4:55 remaining. His jumper from the corner tied it at 80 with 2:19 to go. Scottie Pippen, who led the Bulls with 22 points, broke the tie with two free throws with 42 seconds left.

When Miami's Bimbo Coles missed a lay-up, Bill Cartwright was fouled by Rony Scikaly as both went for the rebound with 35 seconds left. Cartwright hit one of two free

throws for an 83-80 lead.

Cavallers 111, Bullets 107: Mark Price scored seven of his 31 points and his backcourt partner Craig Ehlo nine of his 16 in overtime as Cleveland got 21 points on seven-for-seven field-goal shooting in overtime against Washington, extending its winning streak to six.

After each team scored 22 points in the fourth quarter, the visiting Cavaliers outscored the Bullets 21-17 in overtime. The combined total of 38 was one short of the NBA record

set by Indiana and Golden State in March 1991. The Bullets' Rex Chapman scored 37 points, including 11 in overtime, but it was not enough to prevent the Bullets

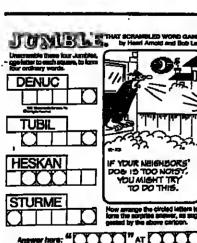
from losing their seventh straight game.

Price, who made only 1 of 8 shots in the first half, scored Cleveland's last nine points in regulation. His two free throws with 6 seconds left in overtime made it 111-107 after his jumper 12 seconds earlier put Cleveland up 107-104.

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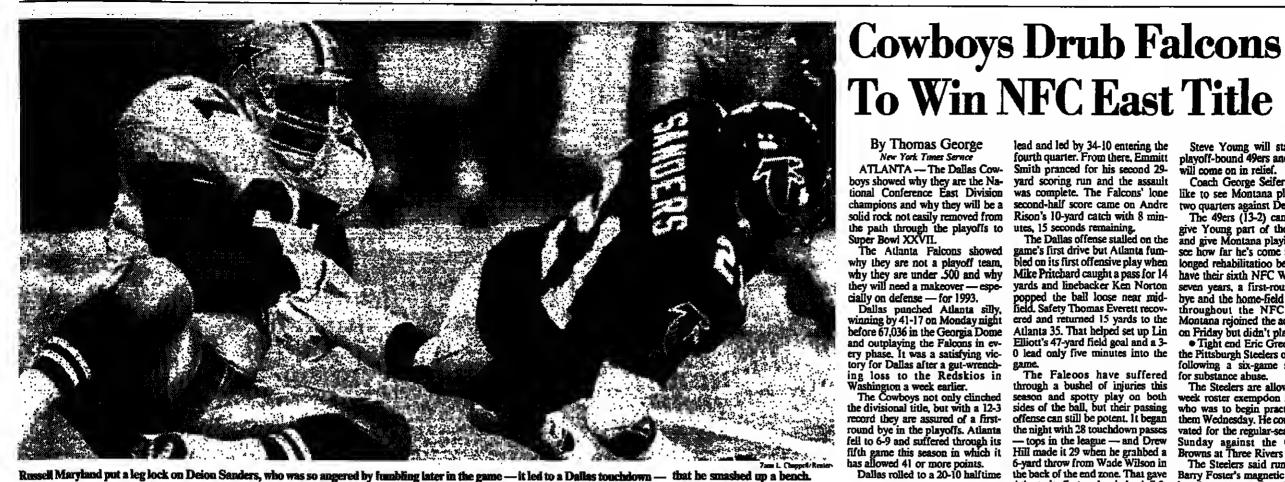


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# A Recipe for Stardom? A's Sign Sierra

It's Mother's Cooking

L ONDON — "Coaches don't make great players," growled Bill Shankly, the late, lamented sage of Liverpool and Scotland, "Moth-

We have grown accustomed to jodging sporting sons by their fathers. The jury will be out for some time on whether it is a help or a hindrance for the offspring of Beckenbauer, Pelé and Platini to carry the family name on in pro careers. But Shankly put mothers first, as did The Football Association of Singapore when celebrating its recent centenary.

Singapore's prime minister and a thousand guests honored Lan Ah

Noi, winner of the FA's soccer luminary award. The lady is known as the

mother of the Quah footballing family. She conceived a team of her own, 11 children, of whom nine (including three girls) played international soccer for Singapore. The other two, the

youngest son, Kim Tiong, and a daughter, Irene, represented Singa-pore as track athletes.

Lau, a diminntive, 81-year-old grandmother, spoke of her "luck" that all of her children had turned out to be good players and of her fear

Kim Song, her second youngest and a star striker often kicked by ruthless defenders, banned his mother from attending matches oo opponents' grounds where the tackles were hardest, "We all know she cared a lot for us," said Kim Song. "She was everything a mother should be —a great cook, we always had something special to look forward to after training, something with herbs to strengthen us. And she was there to massage sprained ankles and so on."

Mrs. Lau's maternal concern will not be foreign to the mother of Marco Van Basten, whose convalescence from another ankle operation comes as a health warning alongside his European and world player of the year

trophics,
In Singapore, the Straits Times calculates that the combined national service of the Quahs totaled 71 years. "I'm very happy to be honored," said their mother. "But so sad that my husband" — who died in 1977 could not be here. He was a good athlete, too. He helped me groom the children. He deserves an award as well."

But fathers and sons are often linked in the sporting eye. The job is to unravel the nature/ourture conundrum: Are the sons genetic chips off the old block, or graduates thrown a ball from the cradle and taught the tricks

Some might shrink in the shadow of greatness. Portugal's striker, José Rui Aguas, lost confidence at Benfica, where his Angolan born father was such a mighty memory. Aguas junior left the Stadium of Light to find his own personality, then returned to face up to the comparisons.

OTHERS NEVER strayed. Italy's fullback, Paolo Maldini, is being fitted for the role of sweeper that once was the preserve of Cesare

Maldini, oow manager of the Italian under-21 squad. England's Nottingham Forest fields the sons of three former players. Nigel Clough is now its principal striker in a team his father, Brian, has managed since Nigel was knee high to the players. Alongside Nigel is Scot Genmill, whose father, Archie, played for Nottingham and is oow a coach under Clough. A third team member, Neil Webb, the son of another old pro, rejoined Nottingham after losing his place at Manchester United to Darren Ferguson, whose father is United's manager. It never ends. Coventry City blooded a new goalkeeper last week -

same surname, same address as his father and manager, Bobby Gould. But distaff influence grows. Last Monday's TV hero in England was the Ipswich striker Chris Kiwomya. His 12 league goals this season owe plenty to inherited pace. He wears his mother's ring and runs with the swiftness that won her the Jamaican woman's sprint title.

"How yer doing, Mum?" he checkily said, interrupting a TV interview.

Of course, it is best to inherit both ways. Another rising English talent,
Manchester City fullback Ian Brightwell, has a mother and father who
both ran at the 1964 Tokyo Olympics. His mother, then Ann Packer, won
the 800-meter gold and promptly said her ambition was to become a good housewife and mother.

Mission accomplished. She has two sons on the Manchester City squad and Ian, asked the essential Brightwell ingredient, replied: "Mum's

Maybe Oleg Blokhin, the Ukranian whose scoring record for the Soviet union will never be equaled, says similar things. His mother was the fastest 80-meter hurdler in Kiev, his father the quickest 100-meter runner, so all Oleg had to learn was how to kick a ball. The next Blokhim generation should be some movers, for Oleg wed a world champion rhythmic dancer.

Forgive the bias, but I reckon the mother of them all is Cissie Charlton. Her eldest boy, Jack, manages Ireland's soccer team. Her second born, Bobby, is so renowned the Japanese covet him as an ambassador to their World Cup 2,002 bid.

Jack, a destructive defender, Bobby, England's creator, won World Cup medals in 1966. They learned and loved soccer at their mother's knee. She hailed from coal-mining stock. Her husband, Boh, was a miner and a boxer who thought soccer soft. "I married a man who didn't like footabil, unbelievable!" she reflected.

On her side of the family every male played, from great grandfather down to cousin Jackie Milburn, the most revered Newcastle centerforward ever. Cissie, a tomboy, played day and night, reared two of England's finest, and began teaching ehildren at 75.

"Mrs. Charlton, are you Bobby and Jack's Mum?" a seven-year-old once asked. "My dad says he saw your Bohby and Jack win the World Cup, wants to know if you

Why not? Cissie asked herself.

"I was born to it, maybe I will die

Mothers: When did they ever lis-

with it . . . suits me fine."

Her breast cancer was long gone,

#### SIDELINES

#### Magic Rehired by NBC

she didn't much care for the heart pills her doctor had prescribed. "If As NBA Game Analyst those tots will listen to the advice of LOS ANGELES (AP) — Magic Johnson has been rehired by NBCa white-haired, widowed granny, I don't mind giving it," she said. TV as an NBA commentator, with Mrs. Charlton felt her existence his first assignment the Christmas turn full circle when a girl asked if

Day game between the Los Angeles she could play, too. The child said Chippers and San Antonio Spurs. was unfair letting boys have all Johnsonwill serve as a second analyst on nine of NBC's regular-season telecasts plus the All-Star game on Feb. 21 and the playoffs. the fun. And when the head of the school said runniog about in rain and cold would be the death of the girl, Mrs. Charlton's unspoken an-

#### For the Record

Louis Lubick, the defensive coordinator for top ranked Miami, was hired as football coach at Colo-ten to a thing we say! (UPI) Rob Hughes is on the staff of the Sunday Times.

# For \$28 Million

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatch OAKLAND, California — Rohen Sierra, a three-time All-Star outfielder, has re-signed with the Oakland Athletics for a five-year contract. Sierra's \$28 million deal, reached Monday,

included a \$6 million signing bonus, \$3 million in 1993, \$3.5 million in 1994, \$5 million each in 1995 and 1996 and \$5.5 million in 1997. He was acquired oo Aug. 31 along with pitchers Jeff Russell and Bobby Witt in the

Trade that sent Jose Canseco to Texas.

• Free agent outfielder Daryl Boston signed a one-year contract with the Colorado Rockies for \$550,000. Boston, 29, hit .249 with 11 homeruns and 35 RBIs in 289 at-bats for the New York Mets last season. He made \$935,000.

· Hideo Nomo, a 24-year-old right-hander with an 18-8 record last season, signed a 116 million yen (\$935,500) contract Tuesday with the Kintetsu Buffaloes and became the highest paid pitcher in Japanese baseball. He got an annual increase of \$403,225 to surpass the \$871,000 paid to pitcher Hisanobu Watanabe of the Scibu Lions.

◆ Australian first baseman Craig Stone, 17, from Quakers Hill, New South Wales, has been signed by the World Series champion Toronto Blue Jays.

(AP, UPI, AFP)

### Assinger Gives Mourning Austria A Surprising Victory in Super-G

BAD KLEINKIRCHHEIM, Austria - Armin Assinger, the overcoming emotion and sadness caused by the death of his Austrian teammate Peter Wirnsberger, on Tuesday got his first World Cup victory by winning a super-

Assinger, 26, edged veteran teammate Leonard Stock by 0.21 seconds to give the battered Austrian team a 1-2 triumph amidst the mourning for Wirnsberger, a downhill specialist who was killed in a ski accident Sunday.

"I was thinking of Peter before the race and I had oo feelings of victory," said Assinger.

Marc Girardelli of Luxembourg, who is
shooting for a record fifth overall title, took over the overall lead in the World Cup stand-

over the overall lead in the World Cup standings despite an unimpressive 13th place.

Girardelli now has 387 points while Italian star Alberto Tomba, who did oot compete Tuesday, is second with 372.

Assinger, whose career was oearly ended by a 1989 spill that tore ligaments in both knees, started with a high bib oumber, 33, but mastered the Strobsack course in the winning time of 1 minute, 45 60 seconds.

of 1 minute, 45.60 seconds. Stock, 34, who was already celebrating vic-

line, was the first to congratulate the teammate. The race was the first in Austria this season and the victory of Assinger, who comes from the surrounding region of Carinthia, as did Wirnsberger, was a complete surprise.

By Thomas George

New York Times Service

Assinger's previous best result on the World Cup circuit was second in a downhill in Val Gardena, Italy, in 1988, the year before he fell in training at Wengen, Switzerland, injuring his

Olympic super-G champioo Kjetil Andre Aamodt edged Norwegian teammate Jan Einar Thorsen hy ooe hundredth of a second for third

Marco Hangl was the top Swiss finisher in fifth place as Swiss downhill specialists and the World Cup defending champion Paul Accola were distant finishers.

Erik Schlopy, 20, of the United States took a pectacular spill when he lost control at a bend, flew into the air and landed on his back.

He was knocked unconscious, but later walked to a helicopter that took him to a hospital for examinations. Race organizers reported that he was unburt and had been dismissed after examinations.

lead and led by 34-10 entering the fourth quarter. From there, Emmitt ATLANTA - The Dallas Cow-Smith pranced for his second 29yard scoring run and the assault was complete. The Falcons' lone second-half score came on Andre Rison's 10-yard catch with 8 min-

the path through the playoffs to Super Bowl XXVII. The Dallas offense stalled on the The Atlanta Falcons showed game's first drive but Atlanta fumbled on its first offensive play when why they are not a playoff team, Mike Pritchard caught a pass for 14 yards and linebacker Ken Norton why they are under .500 and why they will need a makeover - espepopped the ball loose near midcially on defense — for 1993.

Dallas punched Atlanta silly, winning by 41-17 on Monday night field. Safety Thomas Everett recovered and returned 15 yards to the

before 67,036 in the Georgia Dome Atlanta 35. That helped set up Lin Elliott's 47-yard field goal and a 3-0 lead only five minutes into the and outplaying the Falcons in every phase. It was a satisfying victory for Dallas after a gut-wrenching loss to the Redskios in

The Faleoos have suffered through a bushel of injuries this season and spotty play on both sides of the ball, but their passing offense can still be potent. It began the night with 28 touchdown passes — tops in the league — and Drew Hill made it 29 when he grahbed a 6-yard throw from Wade Wilson in the back of the end zone. That gave Atlanta its first and only lead, 7-3, with 5 minutes, 21 seconds left in

But after a 253-yard first half that included 57 rushing yards, Dallas was in front hy 10. Troy Aikman, who was 15 of 17 for 196 passing yards before halftime, added 23 more three minutes at a new the second half when the terror at the second half when the seco second half when be tossed a perfect loh to receiver Alvin Harper. Harper leaped high in the end zone and took the ball away from cor-nerback Tim McKyer and Dallas had a 27-10 bulge.

On the oext two plays, Dallas buried the Falcons for good. Described and the sanders, trying to make something special happen on special teams after Harper's touchdown, fumbled the kickoff at the Dallas 29, and Everett was there once again to pounce on the ball for the Cowboys. On the oext snap, Smith offered an incredible run, bouncing inside, then outside, off several tacklers and sprinting 29 yards down the right sideline for a touchdown and a 34-10 lead with 11:25 left in the third quarter.

■ Montana to Play Monday

Joe Montana will return from a nearly two-year, injury-caused absence when the San Francisco 49ers and Detroit Lions close out the NFL's regular season oext Monday night, wire services reported.

Steve Young will start for the playoff-bound 49ers and Montana will come on in relief. Coach George Seifert said he'd like to see Montana play at least

two quarters against Detroit.

The 49ers (13-2) can afford to give Young part of the night off and give Montana playing time to see how far he's come in his prolonged rehabilitation because they have their sixth NFC West title in seven years, a first-round playoff bye and the home-field advantage throughout the NFC playoffs. Montana rejoined the active roster on Friday but didn't play.

• Tight end Eric Green rejoined the Pittsburgh Steelers on Monday following a six-game suspension for substance abuse.

The Steelers are allowed a oneweek roster exemption for Green, who was to begin practicing with them Wednesday. He could be activated for the regular-season finale Sunday against the Cleveland Browns at Three Rivers Stadium. The Steelers said running back

Barry Foster's magnetic reso imaging exam confirmed his injury was an upper back strain, and his status is day-to-day. Foster is the NFL's leading rusher with 1,587

• The Los Angeles Raiders-will be without at least one and possibly two starting offensive players for their final game Saturday in Wash-

Left offensive tackle Bruce Wilhis right foot and is out, according to the coach, Art Shell.
The Raiders could also be with-

out quarterback Jay Schroeder, whose right shoulder was badly bruised in Sunday's 36-14 loss.to

the San Diego Chargers.

• Anthony Munoz, the Cincinnati Bengals' 11-time Pro-Bowler recognized as the NFL's best offensive tackle, will retire after Sun-

day's game against Indianapolis. In his 13th season, Munoz has been hampered by injuries the past abled list twice this year, once for chronic problems with both shoul-ders, and for a knee ligament torn in a Nov. 15 game against the New

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World Cup Results

At Bad Kielatirchelm, Austria: 1, Armin Asinger, Austria. 1:45.60; 2, Leonhard Stock, Austria. 1:45.81; 3, Kietil Andre Aomodi, Nor-voy, 1:46.22; 4, Jon-Einar Thorsen, Norwoy, 1:46.23; 5, Marco Honol, Switzerland. 1:46.33. 6, Alberto Senigogilesi, Italy, 1:46.57; 7, Po-trik Joerbyn, Sweden. 1:46.76; Andrius Was-meler, Germany, 1:46.80; 7, Christoche Ple. France, 1:46.82; 18, Luc Alehand, France, 1:46.86.

France, 1:46.82; 18. Luc Albridge, Coffer have 1:46.84.

Overall Super-G Standlegs, Coffer have ruces): 1, Thorsen, 138 points; 2. Assimer, 119; 3. Franz Heirzer, Switzerland, 94; 4. Stock, 50; 5. Senisaspilesi, 76.

6. Atte Skoardal, Norway, 74; 7, (he) Aomodi, 60; Lulai Calturi, Indy, 60; 9. Thierry Gentino, France, 48; 10, Ifte) Patrick Ortikel, Austrio, 45; Hangi, 45.

Overall Standlegs (offer 11 recast): 1, Marc, Girordelli, Luxembourg, 387 points; 2, Alberto Tomba, Holy, 377; 3. Agmadi, 252; 4. Thorsen, 247; 5. Termos Foodos, Sweden, 340.

4. Stock, 230; 7, William Bessa, Switzerland, 196; 8. Losse Klus, Norway, 187; 9, Thomas Sykora, Austrio, 169; 18. Heiszer, 158.

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## Christmas Wrestling

By Russell Baker

N EW YORK — The worst tree we ever bought? It was when we lived in Greenwich Village. It was shaped like a boomerang. Put the bottom end of the trunk uptight in the tree-holding gizmo, and the upper half of the tree pointed toward the wall at an angle of about

45 degrees above the horizontal. You can't visualize that? O. K., imagine o howitzer aimed for targets on a mountainside. We couldn't have that it was peace-on-earth

On the other hand, if you wanted the top of the tree to point straight up at the ceiling the bottom of the tree had to be set in a holder of such radical design that it hadn't been designed yet. Or if it had been, you couldn't find it in Greenwich Village at 9 P. M. on Christmas Eve.

We had bought the tree in the dark. A man with a truck had parked in a dark spot on Eighth Avenue around Jane Street and was hawking trees off the truck bed. We figured he'd chosen a dark spot because he was illegal and didn't want the cops to notice, so would

give us a good price.

He gave us a good price all right.

When we got home, of course, we saw it was not the cops be wanted

to keep in the dark.
At dimes like this I always wish my Aunt Pat were still leading me through life. With her Irish-Cuban temper and her New Yorker's zest for battle, she would have led me back to that tree salesman and given him a piece of her mind.

Then she would have got half my money back plus a new, perfectly straight tree, and boasted all the way home about how she "gave that cheap chiseler a piece of my mind." Aunt Pat, however, was at this time no longer of this world. I like

to think that the better world which she brightens is not too superior to provide a supply of cheap chiselers to keep her in high fettle.

Auni Pat's strengths are not mine, alas. So, "Whatta ya mean, it looks funny?" I said when somebody said the tree looked funny. "It's just got a little crook right there in the middle of the trunk. When we get it up, you'll never even notice it."

What I was doing was making the best of a hopeless situation since the only other choice was to take the tree back to the cheap chiseler and give him a piece of mind, which would probably result in his hitting me in the head with the tree, maybe so hrutally that it

would trim years off my life. I could see the Christmas Day headline: "Tree Trims Man." What I really wanted to do was not make the best of a hopeless situation, but throw the tree out the window into Greenwich Street while shouting: That's it! That's it! No more Christmas! Never again! Christmas has had it in this family!

This was impossible. A beloved relative from out of town was arriving next day with a brand new infant who would be tense, disoriented and distraught at discovering herself up-rooted from her familiar bassinet and plunged into a great metropolis seething with cheap chiselers.

Without a tree gaudy with get-gaws and flashing lights, could we be sure of getting the baby suffi-ciently overwrought to cry at maxi-mum volume for the entire 48 hours of her visit? Yes, that tree must somehow rise.

Fortunately, it was a dying tree, not one of those so-called living trees that come with several hundred pounds of dirt attached in hurlap. In New York, we never bought living trees, partly because we didn't have the jackhammers needed for planting greenery in the concrete yard.

Without the weight of dirt, roots and hurlap, a dying tree can be beaten at wrestling. No amount of physical brutality, however, could bend the crook out of that tree trunk after it was pinned helplessly on the floor.

Desperate for relief from partridges in pear trees, we had tuned in an old movie on television. It was a World War I flying melodrama. Down among the pine needles heard a man saying he couldn't keep sending those boys up in those old crates held together with chewing gum and baling wire." That was it! We had chewing

gum. We even had baling wire. Since the Japanese have bought our design, I cannot diagram the meth-od by which we erected, suspended and counterbalanced that tree so that you could never have guessed is was crooked unless you crawled behind it, it was magnificent, The haby cried the whole 48 hours.

New York Times Service

# The 'Passive Power' of Juliette Binoche

By Alan Riding New York Times Service

PARIS — After meeting Juliette Bin-oche as the mysterious Anna Barton in Louis Malle's new film, "Damage," it comes as a surprise to discover she can laugh. As Anna, she is beautiful, chilly, distant, dominating scenes with Gallic aloofness.

in person, she laughs loudly and often. She hites heartily at a pastry and dishevels her short black hair with her hands. "I am fed up with playing 'dark-eyed' roles," she proclaims. "I want to explode in a film."

But in "Damage," starring opposite Jer-emy Irons, she needs all het regards noirs. As an almost-silent object of erotic obsession, she gives away her body while her eyes - her mind - remain in charge. And it can be no other way. If Anna were warm, fun-loving, even lusty, she would lose her powers of control. She might break a beart or two, but she would drive no man to self-destruction.

Binoche may have trouble shaking off this role. First noticed in 1985 in Andre Techine's "Rendez-Vous," she was fea-tured in Philip Kaufman's "The Unbearable Lightness of Being" in 1987 and had the starring role in Leos Carax's "Les Amants du Pont Neuf" last year.

But at least in France, where "Damage was released as "Fatale," it is Anna who has suddenly turned the 28-year-old actress into a major star. The movie itself drew mixed reviews, but Binoche's cool performance was widely praised.

Under pressure by his distributor Malle edited several seconds out of a steamy scene in the film and as a result, the movie's American rating has been switched from a rare NC-17 — meaning no one under 17 years of age is allowed — to the far more common R rating. That means that anyone under 17 must be accompanied by an adult.

Largely faithful to Josephine Hart's short novel of the same name, "Damage" tells the story of a prominent British politician, Stephen Fleming (Irons). After years of pleasant but passionless marriage to Ingrid (Miranda Richardson), Stephen falls for — is captured by — Anna, the sophisticated new girlfriend of his journalist son, Martyn (Rupert Graves). Anna maintains parallel relations with father and son until disaster strikes everyone —

What distinguishes the tale from the standard older man-younger woman affair is that Anna is trying to relive — and rectify — an earlier tragedy, the suicide of her brother, who had loved her passionately. Recognizing the same obsession in Ste-phen, she dares not turn him away. But she



Jeremy Irons and Juliette Binoche in Louis Malle's "Damage."

warns him: "Damaged people are dangerous. They know they can survive." Stephen tries to exorcise his obsession

through rough sex. Yet in her role as Anna, it is Binoche's job to set the mood of the film, to provide the tension. And by her own admission, it did not prove a simple

"I think they were frightened of this character, because you can't explain her," Binoche said of Malle and Irons. "She is always there, her presence is always felt, but she talks with her eyes; she talks by not answering, by not talking. It's not very easy, because men are less emotional than women. Men are more wordy than women because they're trying to hide something. I

To try to understand Anna, Binoche spent several days discussing her with Jo-sephine Hart. "We talked at length about the nature of passive power," Hart said. "She asked so many questions. She wanted

the keys to Anna's soul because Anna is the catalyst for everything that happens."

And, in the end, unlike many authors of books that become films. Hart was happy with the result. "Juliette's minimalist approach conveyed her psycho-erotic understanding of the part.

So clusive was Anna, though, that Bin-oche remembers the early days of shooting in Paris and London as unusually painful. "The first week was very tense," she recalled. "I couldn't find my place in the film because Jeremy wanted Stephen to control the situation. But I felt he had to let himself get into the story because in the story, it is Anna who controls. She controls, not by speaking, but just by being there and waiting for the right thing to

Even as the movie took shape, Binoche said she still had differences with Louis Malle over her interpretation. At one point, Anna tells Stephen: "I wouldn't

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marry Martyn if I couldn't be with you as well." The line is not in the book, and Binoche felt it was out of character. "Anna wouldn't say that." she explained. The line stayed in. On two occasions, she also sheds a tear. "He wanted me to cry." she said. "He thought it was good, I wasn't sure about it. But I had to compromise because

it was his film." The 60-year-old French director remembers Binoche's dissenting views. "She wasn't difficult," he said. "I like actors to give their opinion because at some point they're going to do it, and I'm not: at some point, they're going to take over. She re-minds me a lot of Jeanne Moreau. In this role. Juliette has mystery, depth and darkness, both physical darkness and soul darkness. She exudes a profound ambiguity. You can see Anna is terribly strong but also very vulnerable. She shows all the different facets of the character."

Even months after shooting ended, Binoche seemed happy to delve endlessly into the mysteries of Anna. Had she ever been the "younger woman" in a relationship?
"Yes, it happened once," she said, sitting in the comfort of a friend's Left Bank apartment, "but it was different. There was no control. The 30-year difference was

not important. He was just a man. We

were equal."

Did she identify with Anna? "No, but I understood her." she replied. "I understood that when you have lost the main thing in your life, you have nothing else to lose and you're kind of free and dangerous to others. It's your road; you're walking

along your own road."

If Binoche felt comfortable with what she describes as her first "grown-up" role. it is perhaps because she, too, exudes the self-assurance of someone who has found her own path in life.

Her parents separated when she was only 2 years old, and she is convinced she was drawn into the theater because it represented a family. When she was 18, a casting director urged her to think of mov-ies; and soon she landed some bit parts.

In 1985, before attracting notice in "Rendez-Vous," she appeared in Jean-Luc Godard's "Hail Mary" and in Jacques Doillon's "Vie de Famille." The following year, she met the French director Leos Carax and starred in his thriller "Mauvais Sang," and in 1987 she landed her first English-speaking role in "The Unbearable Lightness of Being," ft was her relation-ship with Carax — they moved in together — that dominated her next few years.

He cast her as the one-eyed, gun-carry ing painter, Michèle, in Les Amants du Pont Neuf," an accident-prone \$30 million movie that proved to be the most expen-

#### PEOPLE

The Royal Christmas: Diana Won't Be Going

The Duchess of York is going to Sandringham Palace for Christmas, but Princess Diana is staying away. Diana was invited to join the family despite her separation this month from Prince Charles, but she declined, the British news agency, Press Association, quoted royal sources as saying. She will spend most of the holidays with her brother, Earl Spencer. However, the former Sarah Ferguson, the Duchess of York, will be staying at Wood Farm on the estate with her daughters Beatrice and Eugenie.

A judge ordered Mia Farrow's lawyers to give him details of her tentative book deal and an update of her net worth so he can decide whether Woody Allen should pay her legal fees. Allen's lawyer, Harvey Sladkus, argued that Farrow told the court in an affidavit June 30 that she has \$3.8 million and doesn't need to have Allen pay her \$300,000 legal bill.

Kyoto Hirahara of Japan has won first prize in the second International Competition for Young Designers in Paris, organized by Air France and the French Federation of Conture. Second prize went to Ariel Alvarez of the Philippines.

Liza Minnelli, John Oates and John Denver are among the singers planning to perform at an Aspen benefit to raise money to fight Colorado's anti-gay statute. Several celehrities have called for a boycott of Colorado to protest the amend-

The British punk violinist Nigel Kennedy reportedly ran amok in a Berlin hotel, causing damage worth 7,000 Deutsche marks (\$4,500). Asked to restrain himself while at dinner in a luxury hotel, he shook a Champagne bottle so hard that the cork hit the son-in-law of the hotel's owner on the forehead. Kennedy, 34, smashed a tray of crockery pagne bottles against the wall, the botel said.

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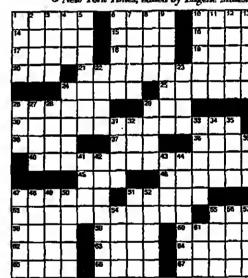
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By Henry Petroski. Illustrated.

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N his intermittently entertaining new book, "The Evolution of Useful Things," Henry Petroski elaborates on his previous history of a humble object, "The Pencil," hy tracing the rise of everyday artifacts like forks and knives, pins and needles, buttons and zippers, and

soda bottles and beer cans. Better still, the book has a thesis of sorts. A professor of civil engineering at Duke University and the author of "To Engineer Is Human" and "Beyond Engineering" as well

that the form of human artifacts is not dictated by their functions, as some theorists have insisted. Just consider how differently East and West have implemented the basic function of eating, one culture having evolved the knife and fork, the other having picked up chopsticks.

More often, the author believes, form follows failure, hy which he means that "artifacts evolve by the incremental elimination of their defects." At their best, Petroski's case histories delightfully illustrate his thesis. In his chapter on fasteners, he traces the decreasing utility of stickpins, safety pins, frogs and loops, hooks and eyes, buttons and ments conformed increasingly to the human body. Eventually, in 1917, a Norwegian, Gideon Sundback, patented a reliable slide fastener and the machinery to manu-

facture it. But few could see the use of it until the B. F. Goodrich Co. decided to fashion its rubber galoshes with it and call it the zipper. Sundback's company settled for the name Talon. As Petroski con-cludes, the form of the zipper "followed from the correction of failure

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Later, in the 1920s, an employee of the Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Co. observed that the automakers to whom his company sold sandpaper were having trouble masking the metal surfaces on which they were trying to apply two-tone paint jobs. To solve their problem, he developed a gentle ad-hesive and applied it to cellophane. Thus Scotch tape, so named presumably because "consumers can use the tape to make economical repairs on so many household

The trouble is, once artifacts Where influences on design grow reach a threshold of functionality, subtle, Petroski sometimes loses factors other than utility begin to control of his narrative. In a chapinfluence their development. Peter on the economic risks of design troski instructs us charmingly on changes, he backs up so far to get a the rise and fall of Western eating running jump on his argument that implements.

At the same time, technology plays a role. The paper clip could not be invented until the right kind of wire came along, a metal mallea-er, unlike bottles, whose narrow ble enough to be bent yet resilient necks gave us plenty of room to enough to retain its shape. Petroski maneuver, the tabs attached to notes that though design critics of pop-top cans do come up to meet ten wax rhapsodic on the perfection of the paper clip, there still They no longer pose a threat of remains room for improvement, curting us, but they do restrict how All suggestions for changing size. color and shape may now be futile, however, for the paper chip "has long been raised to design icon, and its grip on the minds of critics is no doubt more secure than its grip on their manuscripts."

running jump on his argument that he never quite arrives at any point. By contrast, in a chapter on the technology of containers, he lands on his conclusion heavily: "Howevour noses if we are not careful far the container can be tilted, and so must compensate with a greater

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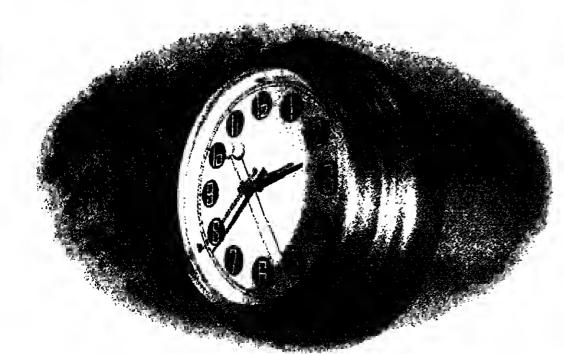
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